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## AUSSIE MAKE IT SEEM EASY

David Warner and Mitchell Marsh combine for whirlwind 92-run stand, give them first T20 title

**BIG STAND**
Marsh and Warner, battling an injury and indifferent form respectively, coming into the World Cup, scored 130 runs between them to make mincemeat of a tricky chase of 173 in Dubai on Sunday

**TOURNAMENT MEN**
Australia came into this tournament as rank outsiders. Their form was terrible but they once again showed how they transform during multi-team competition. The men now have six ICC white-ball World Cups

**HAZLEWOOD KING**
Australia's pacers have been subdued this time but Josh Hazlewood stepped up big time. His 3/16 put the brakes on the scoring and contained the NZ top-order at a crucial time of the game

**KANE SHOW**
Kane Williamson stood tall amid some slow Kiwi batting after they were asked to bat. They were 58/1 after 10 overs but the skipper's 85 off 48 lifted them to a competitive total on a fresh pitch

Australia men lifted their maiden T20 World Cup, defeating New Zealand by eight wickets in the final at Dubai on Sunday | AFP | P11

## THREE

THIS IS NEW ZEALAND'S THIRD ICC WHITE-BALL WC FINAL LOSS SINCE 2015


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DAY AFTER

# Teltumbde's killing big blow to Naxals

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

THE police on Sunday confirmed speculation over the killing of top Maoist leader Milind Teltumbde (57) in an encounter in Gadchiroli the previous day, saying it's a big setback to the banned outfit in the Maharashtra-Madhya Pradesh-Chhattisgarh (MMC) zone.

Milind was among the 26 Maoists neutralised in the encounter on Saturday. He carried a reward of ₹50 lakh on his head. As many as 67 major offences, including participating in encounters against the police, murder and dacoity, were registered against him in Gadchiroli alone, the police said.

Milind had given momentum to the Maoist movement and built it in Maharashtra over the past two decades, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Gadchiroli Range, Sandip Patil claimed. He was also the MMC zone's secretary and the only member from Maharashtra in the Maoists' central committee, he added.

Milind is the brother of activist Anand Teltumbde, who was earlier arrested in the Elgar Parishad case and is currently lodged at the Taloja prison in Navi Mumbai. Milind, too, was a wanted accused in the Elgar case.

While 20 of the slain Maoists were men, the rest were women. Among those killed were Divisional Committee Member Lokesh Madkam, who was carrying a reward of ₹20 lakh on his head, and Mahesh Gota (₹16 lakh). One of the six female Maoists who died in the encounter was Vimla alias Manso Boga, bodyguard of Milind.

# CM to other states: Give us our share of water

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tirupati, Bengaluru

"MANY issues that have eluded solution for many years can be resolved if we work with the spirit of cooperation," Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said in his address at the 29th meeting of the Southern Zonal Council held in Tirupati on Sunday which was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

It is inevitable for southern states to work with the true spirit of cooperative federalism as enunciated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the states are geographically interconnected. The states need to come together and work together, only then the country can develop, he added.

The Southern Zonal Council offered a good forum for resolving issues related to inter-state water sharing, transport connectivity, health etc in a spirit of consensus, he added.

He raised several issues that needed coordination with other states. Karnataka has already conveyed its stand on river-linking projects in Godavari, Cauvery and other river basins to the Centre. Karnataka should get its share of surplus water in the Cauvery, Krishna and Pennar river basins, he said.

He objected to Tamil Nadu taking up the Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar link works even before the allocation of surplus waters to other states. P5

RAIN PAIN

Residents of Kadaigramam being rescued from the floods in Kanniyakumari of Tamil Nadu on Sunday. Over 3,000 people are being sheltered in 60 relief camps | EXPRESS

# ED, CBI chiefs set to get extension

## Ordinance route to extend terms up to 5 yrs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Centre promulgated two ordinances on Sunday to extend the tenure of the directors of the Enforcement Directorate and Central Bureau of Investigation up to five years.

The chiefs of the central enforcement agencies presently have a tenure of two years, during which time they can't be removed from office.

Sanjay Kumar Mishra

The move, coming ahead of the winter session of Parliament, could give ED Director Sanjay Mishra and CBI chief Subodh Jaiswal further extension. The tenure of Mishra, who took charge in 2018, is set to end in a few days.

The Union government in November 2020 extended Mishra's tenure by a year. The Supreme Court, while hearing a plea against the extension, in September upheld the decision, but said no further extension should be given beyond November 17.

The bench of Justices B R Gavai and Nageshwar Rao had underlined that an extension to officials at the age of superannuation should be done only in rare and exceptional cases.

On Sunday, the government promulgated the Delhi Police Special Establishment (Amendment) Ordinance and the Central Vigilance Commission (Amendment) Ordinance to allow chiefs of the agencies to be given extensions every year for up to three years after the two-year term.

The Opposition questioned the ordinances 15 days before the start of the winter session. "Parliament session begins on 29th. To avoid its scrutiny, Centre on Sunday promulgates ordinances to extend the tenure of Directors of CBI and ED. This desperate hurry smacks of something fishy," tweeted CPI (M)'s Sitaram Yechury.

"Modi Govt uses ED-CBI as henchmen to usurp power & destabilise elected Govts... Now, these henchmen are being empowered & rewarded with 5 yrs tenure, so that malicious prosecution is used to silence dissenting voices," tweeted Congress leader Randeep Surjewala.

# State sees 1,340% rise in cybercrimes against kids

CHETAN MG @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA has recorded a whopping 1,340 per cent increase in the number of cybercrimes targeting children in 2020 over the previous year, and is ranked third in India among states reporting the highest crimes in this category in absolute numbers.

As per the National Crime Records Bureau data, 144 cybercrimes against children were reported in 2020 in Karnataka, as against 10 in 2019 -- an alarming 1,340 per cent rise.

Most cases are related to publishing or transmitting material depicting children in sexually explicit acts. In the 144 cases reported in the state, 122 are related to cyber pornography involving children. The NCRB data reveals that Karnataka is only next to Maharashtra (207) and Uttar Pradesh (197) and is followed by Kerala (126), and Odisha (71), which make up the top five states with the highest number of cybercrimes targeting children.

Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh have recorded an increase far lesser than that of Karnataka at 195.71 per cent and 101.02 per cent, respectively.

Experts said this shocking rise in cases is mainly because the pandemic-induced lockdowns and restrictions forced people to remain indoors, providing them more opportunities to take to criminal activities in the cyber domain. P5

| NATIONWIDE | NOV 13 | NOV 14 |
|---|---|---|
| Fresh cases | 11,850 | 11,271 |
| Recoveries | 12,403 | 11,376 |
| Deaths | 555 | 285 |

| KARNATAKA | NOV 13 | NOV 14 |
|---|---|---|
| Fresh cases | 245 | 236 |
| Recoveries | 251 | 264 |
| Deaths | 3 | 2 |

## MOCKING SC, Mr KHURSHID?

Despite the Supreme Court ruling that Hindutva depicts the way of life and ethos of Indians, Congress leader Salman Khurshid in his book *Sunrise over Ayodhya*, likens the Hindutva movement to Islamic terror outfits ISIS and Boko Haram. Is Khurshid mocking the Supreme Court, wonders S Gurumurthy | P7

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• Monday: 15/11/2021 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Dakshinayna
• Ritu: Sharad • Masa: Karthika • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Ekadasi 8.18 am
• Nakshatra: Uttharabhadra 8.13 pm • Moon in Mesha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 25°C
FORECAST
Thunderstorms. Overcast

Sunrise 6.18 am
Sunset 5.50 pm
Moonrise 3.22 pm
Moonset 2.57 am

# 307 allottees still wait for substitute sites

## Senior citizens vent ire over delay; BDA promises it will be done soon

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

IT was a red letter day on August 4 this year for 307 allottees of BDA's Arkavathy Layout whose name figured in the list for alternative sites in Arkavathy as well as Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout after a 13-year-long wait. Three months down the line, none of them have received their allotment letter yet, making the wait all the more painful.

The allottees lost their sites due to denotification orders issued by the State Government in 2008-2009. Since then, it has been an uphill battle for them with countless visits to the BDA office seeking justice. Finally, based on seniority, the BDA had announced three months ago the handover of alternative sites.

M Nagaraju, president of the Arkavathy Allottees' Forum confirmed to TNIE that the 307 allottees are still awaiting their allotment letters. "They are part of the nearly 3,500 site allottees who lost their sites due to a series of denotification orders and are suffering hugely," he said.

Among those awaiting the letter for his 30x40 ft site is 89-year-old Kale Gowda M, a retired government employee. "At least 16 of those in the list are senior citizens and we have waited so long for our site. It should be given to us at the earliest. It is proving very tough to keep waiting even after we are given our survey numbers on August 4," he said.

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V Ananda, Secretary, BDA, assured TNIE that the allottees will be given their allotment letters within two weeks. "We wanted to carry out many cross-checks to ensure none of the sites are caught in any litigation. We are in the process of completing it. We will be handing over the allotment letter in a week or two," he told TNIE.

The layout was planned in 2003-2004 and a total of 8,813 sites were allotted by BDA across 2,740 acres in 16 villages in Bengaluru East and Yelahanka. However, a series of denotification orders were issued over the years, making the whole allotment a mess.

Arkavathy Layout is spread across 2,740 acres in 16 villages

8 lakh people visited the Krishi Mela, organised by the University of Agricultural Sciences, over 4 days

3 lakh people visited on the concluding day

Clockwise from above: Visitors on the last day of 'Krishi Mela' at GKVK campus in Bengaluru on Sunday; a demonstration of a power tiller; and a group of students visits a sunflower field | EXPRESS

# Clean, sustainable farming in the spotlight

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot visited Krishi Mela on its fourth and final day to award farmers and researchers for their contribution to the field. He handed out seven awards.

"The need for good farming practices to develop in Indian agriculture means the need for incorporating nanotechnology in agriculture, and to develop farmer-friendly applications and promote new start-ups," he said.

The awards presented were the HD Deve Gowda State Level Best Farmer award (MC Rangaswamy), Dr MH Marigowda State-level Best Horticulture Farmer award (TM Aravinda), Canara Bank Award for Best State Level Farmers (Male - Navikram and Female - Y G Manjula), R Dwarkinath Best Extension Worker Award (Dr AP Mallikarjuna Gowda), R Dwarkinath Best Farmer Award (Munireddy) and Dr MH Marigowda National Endowment Award for Best Horticultural Research (Dr Maheswarappa HP).

The awardees were also farmers who emphasised clean and sustainable farming with many adopting systems to keep soil quality intact as well as engaging in water harvesting among other innovative practices.

Munireddy, a farmer from Kolar, made use of integrated farming, taking up agriculture, horticulture, forestry, foraging, dairy production, sheep and poultry rearing, fish farming, bee-keeping and others through various farming systems. He has been a farmer for nearly 40 years.

Y G Manjula made use of a small piece of land, maximising her yield by growing numerous crops like maize, millet, rice, coconut, banana, ginger, potato, chilli, carrot, and cassava, among others. She has also adopted integrated farming, growing pomegranate trees and rearing cattle, as well as being a successful beekeeper.

Rangaswamy, a farmer from Arkalgud, practised integrated farming over a massive 100 acres. Despite being involved with horticulture, agriculture, forestry, beekeeping as well as rearing cattle, sheep, goat and poultry, he emphasises on organic fertilisers and nutrient management.

Dr Gowda, a senior scientist and head of horticulture at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bengaluru Rural district, has conducted numerous training programmes for farmers both nationally and internationally, training them in sustainable and organic farming practices.

# 10 months on, pipe-laying nightmare persists

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IT has been over 10 months now since one half of the crucial Vajrahalli 100-ft Main Road in Banashankari VIth Stage was closed for traffic to facilitate pipeline-laying work by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB). With traffic on both ways now forced to travel on just half the road and the footpath taken over by encroachments, residents are finding it a nightmare to use the road.

This road running to nearly 8 km connects Kanakapura Road and Mysuru Road via the Turahalli Forest.

V K Srivatsa, secretary of Changemakers of Kanakapura Road, said that work began here in January 2021 for the Cauvery Water Supply Vth Stage project. "With traffic on both sides converging on one half of the road, it is proving extremely tough to commute here. There are no street lights too making it dangerous at nights," he said.

Vijayan Govindarajan, a resident of Sobha Forest View apartments, said, "The road falls under the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) which is waiting for BWSSB to complete its work. Because of inordinate slow pace of work, lives are at risk with heavy trucks, lorries, school buses among other vehicles using the road."

Dr Ajith, president of the apartment owners' association here, said, "We have 900 flats in our apartment. The 200-metre Rashtrakoota Road leading to the Vajrahalli Road too is in bad shape. People from Rajaji Nagar towards Kanakapura too use the road. It is risky traffic here."

R Srinivas, Executive Engineer, Cauvery, BWSSB, told TNIE that heavy rain had delayed the completion of the work here. "This entire 100-ft road lies at a lower level and it was flooded for nearly a month due to the rain. We had to remove all the water first. The road will be ready by December or latest by January 2022."

Stating that pipeline work on the Vajrahalli 100-ft Road was complete for up to 5 km of the road with patches in the middle not completed, Srinivas said that asphalting could be done there. "One km of the road passes through Turahalli Forest and we are yet to get permission from the Forest Department for laying of pipelines there," he added.

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Incomplete pipeline laying work by BWSSB on Vajrahalli 100-ft Road

## Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**15th November: My sign of the day is Virgo. If you know anyone born under this sign then you may be interested in what the old astrologers said about it: 'The sign of Virgo as a whole is moist and marked by thunder-storms; but, taken by part, its leading portion is rather warm and destructive, its middle temperate and its following part watery.' Does that sound right?**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The first priority is to look ahead to the end of the week. You see, Venus is emerging from its relative seclusion into the full glare of public attention, encouraged by its relationship with optimistic, jovial Jupiter. When it does, your secrets will at last be made public.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Mercury and the Sun are set firmly on a collision course, each with its own priorities, a sure sign that misunderstandings will be rife. Amusingly enough, you may be the unwitting source of misconceptions, mistakes and any rumours that are doing the rounds. What you've got to do is figure out just why arguments arise.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
No one can deny that you have kept your emotions in check, but to be so restrained may not be in your best interests. On the other hand, with Mercury, your personal ruler, still in such an awkward mood, there seems to be little you can realistically do to explain yourself at the moment. Hang on a little while longer.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
There is no need to dread Monday. The fact that the Moon begins the week in a helpful position, gets you off to a flying start. A sudden obstacle should not put you off - as long as you are prepared. Self-control and self-discipline, in other words, are the keys to success.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Not all is as it should be. Or is it? The fact is that, for as long as the Moon holds its current position, the facts are likely to be concealed by a veil of watery emotion and raw sensitivity. Actually, it's good to temper your self-centred goals with a dose of selfless compassion.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There is everything to be gained from indulging in sociable activities, especially if you are taking an organisational role. In fact, if you don't look after the practical details, other people may be left completely and utterly helpless! You see, someone is relying on you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
A magnificent relationship between the Sun and several other planets is excellent for all of you in the property market, just as long as you keep your cool. Domestic spending of all shades and hues is recommended, mainly because you seem to be able to pick out a good bargain.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
I know there have been times when you've had a rough ride. If there's one thing you are entitled to now, it's a fair hearing and, with the Sun so intriguingly aligned with Uranus, that's just what you can hope for. In fact, I'd say that the results could confound your expectations.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
I am pleased to report that after months of decidedly wobbly financial indications your stars are now moving in a definitively prosperous direction. If last week's lunar patterns didn't demonstrate this much, this week's fascinating Solar relationships will.

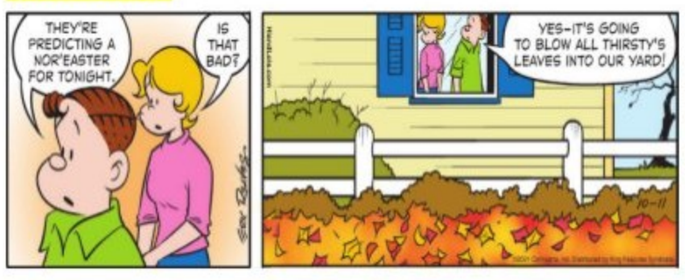
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Sometimes you can rely on partners to stand by you. Sometimes you can't. Both at home and at work rivals are changing tack and the opposition is beginning to crumble. However, today you will have to use all your wiles if you are to get everything that you want out of close colleagues.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Battle-lines have been drawn, though not very clearly. In fact, the goal posts seem to be moving and I doubt very much whether either you or anyone else will be able to bring differences of opinion to a successful conclusion. You know, it may be okay to disagree.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Social and creative possibilities are bright indeed, although I think you will be drawn to people who can offer you a sense of security. Older people may foot the bill, and friends from the past will be prepared to step in and help out. In the end you'll have an increasing sense that you are genuinely needed.

### THE PHANTOM

### HI AND LOIS




### BEETLE BAILEY

THE GENERAL WONDERS IF THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH HIM
HOW COULD HE FIND OUT?
RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AND YOUR OPPONENTS WILL TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY
GREG + MORT WALKER

### BLONDIE

BUMSTEAD, DON'T FORGET TO HAND IN YOUR QUARTERLY REPORT AT THE END OF THE MONTH THIS TIME
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, BOSS
MY MEMORY IS AS TIGHT AS A LOCKED VAULT THESE DAYS!
AND YOU COULDN'T THINK OF A SINGLE COMEBACK AT ALL?
I HAD SO MANY ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE, THERE WAS A LOGJAM

### LOCKHORNS

"YOU COULD GET A SECOND OPINION ABOUT YOUR WEIGHT... OR YOU COULD JUST STEP ON A SCALE."

### DENNIS THE MENACE

"I NEVER KNEW YOU HAD SUCH A ROUGH LIFE, MOM. MR. WILSON SAID YOU DESERVE A MEDAL FOR EVERYTHING YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH!"

### SU DO KU

**Easy:** Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

■ Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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| 2 | | 3 | | | 1 | 6 | | |
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Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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| 9 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
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| 4 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 7 | 2 | 6 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 6 |

### CROSS WORD

**ACROSS**
1 It swims with the current (8,3)
9 Nothing to share but words (7)
10 Leaps into an indiscretion (5)
11 A pre-match fling (4)
12 Two things a lodger may be given with the piano (8)
14 Embarrassed coming out of purdah (4,2)
16 A golfer won't take it lying down (6)
18 Be on the way to appearing proper (8)
19 Tree house? (4)
22 Organ I have in both sides of the body (5)
23 Ends interim arrangements (7)
24 Does he get priceless ideas? (11)

**DOWN**
2 Live wires taken on stage perhaps (5)
3 Sign of minor damage in the counter (4)
4 Wandered out of danger (6)
5 Unusually bad cloth may make the skin tingle (4,4)
6 Account for what is no longer clear (7)
7 Kick the account around or pay up (4,3,4)
8 Having no grave doubts? (4,7)
13 Duck when beer mugs are thrown around (8)
15 Make a successful comeback as an upholsterer? (7)
17 Quickly take a few notes maybe (6)
20 He's forced to live off his land (5)
21 New barn for grain husks (4)

**SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1Filled, 4 Ask for it, 9 Ignite, 10 Latchkey, 12 Gown, 13 Andes, 14 Sign, 17 Movable Feast, 20 Stage whisper, 23 Spud, 24 Grand, 25 Onus, 28 Achilles, 29 Praise, 30 Tosspots, 31 Target.

**Down:** 1 Fair game, 2 Long wave, 3 Efts, 5 Siamese twins, 6 Fact, 7 Rake in, 8 Trying, 11 Undergarment, 15 Abate, 16 As tir, 18 Spanking, 19 Prospect, 21 Aslant, 22 Rushes, 26 Clip, 27 Aria.

### JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

**Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.**

SEYSA

RHIDT

TRUUHN

PIGMEA

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He destroyed my paper again!
His breed is very playful.
Lucky! Get over here!
9/17
THE DOG THAT DESTROYED HIS MORNING NEWSPAPER AND FLOWERS WAS AN ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

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ANSWERS TOMORROW

SATURDAY'S **Jumbles:**
TWEAK TEMPT PEBBLE LAVISH
**ANSWER:** The cost to use the facility's new rock-climbing walls seemed – A LITTLE STEEP

The Sparsh Group of Hospitals on Sunday launched a mother and child care facility on its Bengaluru premises. It will be equipped to handle medical complexities with the support and availability of multi-disciplinary specialists all on the same campus

TRACKING COVID-19

## SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

236 CASES REPORTED TODAY

245 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TOTAL CASES | TODAY 29,91,850 | YESTERDAY 29,91,614

DEATHS | TODAY 2 | YESTERDAY 3

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until November 14, 2021, a total of 29,91,850 cases have been reported in 1 year and 250 days...

DISCHARGES | TODAY 264 | YESTERDAY 251

**Active cases**

TODAY 7,997

YESTERDAY 8,027

**POSITIVITY RATE**

TODAY 5.74%

YESTERDAY 5.75%

The day positivity rate – **0.24%** – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

**MORTALITY RATE**

TODAY 1.27%

YESTERDAY 1.27%

**RECOVERY RATE**

TODAY 98.45%

YESTERDAY 98.45%

## DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

| 152 BENGALURU URBAN | 9 BENGALURU RURAL |
|---|---|

| | |
|---|---|
| Bagalkot | 0 |
| Ballari | 3 |
| Belagavi | 2 |
| Bidar | 0 |
| Chamarajanagar | 1 |
| Chikkaballapur | 0 |
| Chikkamagaluru | 0 |
| Chitradurga | 0 |
| Dakshina Kannada | 11 |
| Davanagere | 1 |
| Dharwad | 2 |
| Gadag | 0 |
| Hassan | 11 |
| Haveri | 0 |
| Kalaburagi | 0 |
| Kodagu | 4 |
| Kolar | 7 |
| Koppal | 0 |
| Mandya | 1 |
| Mysuru | 10 |
| Raichur | 0 |
| Ramanagara | 0 |
| Shivamogga | 5 |
| Tumakuru | 5 |
| Udupi | 6 |
| Uttara Kannada | 6 |
| Vijayapura | 0 |
| Yadgir | 0 |

# Maternal mortality up, infant mortality down in Yadgir

While MMR rises to 81.67, IMR decreases to 5 per 1,000 live births

RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

THE Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has gone down, while the Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) has increased in Yadgir district, reveals an internal district document prepared by the state Health Department for the Common Review Mission (CRM).

CRM, conducted every year by the Health Ministry in various states, undertakes a rapid assessment of various health parameters under the National Health Mission (NHM).

*The New Indian Express* has accessed the document, which reveals that the infant mortality rate dropped from 9.8 per 1,000 live births in 2019-2020 to 6.5 in 2020-21 and further to 5 in 2021-2022, which is a good sign. But on the other hand, MMR figures rose from 74.51 per one lakh live births in 2019-2020 to 75.30 in 2020-2021 and further to 81.67 in 2021-2022.

Dr Rajkumar N, Deputy Director (Maternal Health), Department of Health and Family Welfare, however, said that MMR has not increased overall in the state. These figures are based on internal indicators and the actual numbers are awaited from the Sample Registration System report of the Union Government, he explained.

MMR is calculated by dividing the number of maternal deaths out of the total live births multiplied by one lakh. "The denominator has not been calculated properly this time as lesser deliveries were recorded. This is because data entry operators were deputed for Covid duties. Moreover, we lost 200 pregnant mothers to Covid. However, MMR has reduced in the state," Dr Rajkumar added.

He said infant deaths are not recorded properly as many of them take place at home and do not come to the notice of the authorities. Only the infant deaths in hospitals get recorded. "Overall, Karnataka is doing well both in terms of IMR and MMR as training has been given to health workers and infrastructure improved. We have Maternal and Child Health wings to specially cater to them," he added.

The document attributed maternal deaths in 2019-2020 and 2020-21 to postpartum haemorrhage, cerebral venous sinus thrombosis, severe hypertension and eclampsia. Around 40 per cent of maternal deaths were in the age group of 18 to 25, 30 per cent were in the 31-39 age group and 20 per cent in the 26-30 age group. Infant deaths in 2019-2020 and 2020-21 took place due to asphyxia, pneumonia, sepsis, diarrhoea, fever and deaths within 24 hours after birth.

**HOW NUMBERS ARE CALCULATED**

IMR is calculated by number of infant deaths in the first year of life divided by number of live births multiplied by hundred

MMR is calculated by number of maternal deaths divided by number of live births multiplied by one lakh

**Overall, Karnataka is doing well both in terms of IMR and MMR as training has been given to health workers and infrastructure improved. We have Maternal and Child Health wings to specially cater to them** – Dr Rajkumar N, Deputy Director (Maternal Health), Department of Health and Family Welfare

TAPERING OUT?

## 29 dists see no deaths for second consecutive day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ALL districts in Karnataka, except Bengaluru Urban, have reported zero Covid-19 deaths for second consecutive day on Sunday with the state capital reporting three deaths on Saturday and two on Sunday — the latter being the lowest number of deaths in daily figures. Although the daily deaths have remained in single digits consecutively since November 1, Karnataka's mortality rate has remained constant at 1.27 per cent since October 4. The Health Department is aiming to bring it down to below 1 per cent, although that has remained evasive.

Twenty-nine of the 30 districts of the state reporting zero deaths, and deaths remaining in single digits, are an indicator to the Covid-19 pandemic being on the decline despite the feared surges that had been expected due to the festive season, Health Department officials claimed. The low figures, and the improving situation is also despite the State Government lifting all curbs that had been earlier imposed to contain the spread of Covid-19 infection among the population.

Bengaluru also saw its recovery rate climbing marginally to 98.17 per cent on Sunday after it had slightly dipped, although the city had touched a record high recovery rate of 98.19 per cent on November 6 and retained that level till the next day after which it started dipping marginally. Statewide, the recovery rate has remained at 98.45 per cent since November 5, and has remained the highest on record through both the pandemic waves. The active cases (the patients currently infected) in the state, too, went below the 8,000-mark on Sunday and stood at 7,997. However, the lowest number of active cases in the second wave has been 7,955 on November 9, after which it rose to above the 8,000-mark until Sunday.

# 722 SCREENED FOR DIABETES, BP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

OVER 700 people were screened for diabetes and hypertension by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Sunday. The screenings were done as a part of the World Diabetes Day, where free screening camps were set up at various locations in Bengaluru east and south.

WORLD DIABETES DAY

Camps were set up at Lalbagh, Siddapura, and Vasanthnagar in Bengaluru south. Meanwhile, at Bengaluru east, there were four camps set up around Cubbon Park. A total of 722 people were screened for diabetes and hypertension at the camps, with 465 peoples screened at Bengaluru south and 257 screened at Bengaluru east.

The screening was a success in terms of awareness. A total of 161 people were detected to have diabetes, with 90 of the cases being newly detected. The total cases for hypertension detected were 135, with 27 people being newly diagnosed with the condition.

Diabetes and hypertension are often interlinked, with the latter being more prevalent in people afflicted with diabetes. Both conditions increase the likelihood of the other occurring in a person. This year's theme for World Diabetes Day was 'Access to Diabetes Care', with the aim of the campaign to spread awareness on the rise of diabetes throughout the world. The screenings were aimed to promote awareness.

Health workers take out a rally on 'World Diabetes Day' at Vasanthnagar UPHC on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP




## *Jayadeva gets new 350-bed cardiac block*

BENGALURU: From November 17, patients will have access to a new 350-bed cardiac hospital on the campus of Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research donated by Infosys Foundation. The total project cost funded by the foundation, under the leadership of Sudha Murty, is `103 crore. "It is the only government institution to have 15 cardiac cath labs under one umbrella. It is further equipped to handle the increasing caseload each day for cardiac emergencies and elective cardiac care," said Dr CN Manjunath, Jayadeva director. The facilities include two operation theatres, one hybrid operation theatre, 100 ICCU beds and 250 general ward beds. Presently, the bed strength at Jayadeva hospital and its branches is 1,450 which will now increase to 1,800, making the institute the largest heart care destination in India, a press statement read. "The new facility will be a great relief as the patient load has been increasing by the day overcrowding the hospital," he said. ENS

CRIME PATROL

### One killed, two injured as car rams into BMTC Volvo bus on Ballari road

Bengaluru: A 23-year-old man was killed and two others sustained injuries after their car rammed into a BMTC Volvo bus on Ballari Road under Chikkajala traffic police station limits on Saturday night. The deceased is Bhavin Sharma, a resident of Mumbai, and the injured are his friend Akash (29) and the car driver Ravi Kumar (34). According to the police, the trio were on their way to the airport when the car crashed into the bus from behind. While Sharma died on the spot, Kumar and Akash sustained injuries. Passersby, who noticed the accident, alerted the traffic police who shifted Bhavin's body to a hospital for post-mortem. A case of reckless driving has been registered against Kumar. ENS

### Security guard held for theft in gated community, diamond rings recovered

Bengaluru: Annapurneshwarinagar police have arrested a 34-year-old security guard for committing theft at a villa in a gated community apartment in Vishwanathapura belonging to an Australian football player. The accused, Manjunath, a resident of Andrahalli on Nandi Hills Road, was caught red-handed when he came to sell the stolen diamond rings worth Rs 25 lakh. A senior police officer said that the complainant had gone to play in a tournament and after returning home he found that the window of the kitchen was broken, the bedrooms ransacked and jewellery stolen. The police had questioned some of the suspects, including Manjunath, but did not get any clues. On Saturday, based on a tip-off, police caught Manjunath when he was trying to sell the ornaments. He was deployed as a security guard in the villa. ENS

### 33-year-old biker hurt in hit-and-run, search on for car driver

Bengaluru: A 33-year-old biker was injured in a hit-and-run case in Byadarahalli on Saturday night. The incident was captured on CCTV camera and police are on the lookout for the car driver. A senior police officer said Jnanananda, a resident of KG Nagar, was returning home on his two-wheeler around 10.30 pm on Saturday when a speeding car knocked him down. Passersby, who noticed the accident, chased the car but the driver fled the scene. A case of drunken driving is not being ruled out and the car driver will be arrested soon, the officer added. The injured Jnanananda works in a media house. He was treated at a hospital and discharged on Sunday. ENS

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Whereas, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Housing Finance Limited (SHFL) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **10th day of November, 2021.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of Shriram Housing Finance Ltd. for an amount as mentioned herein below with interest thereon.

| Borrower Name and address | Amount due as per Demand Notice | Description of Property |
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| **Mr. R Kathirvel S/o Raman , No. 13, 1st Floor, J M Road Cross, Ramanapet, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560002**<br><br>**Also at:- Mr. R Kathirvel R.K Venu Sarees Darner, No. 13, 1st Floor, J M Road Cross, Ramanapet, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560002**<br><br>**Also at:- Mr. R Kathirvel S/o Raman , No.75, Kamban Street, Mullaiuadi, Attur (TK), Salem, Tamil Nadu – 636141**<br><br>**Mrs K Selvarani W/o R Kathirvel,, No.75, Kamban Street, Mullaiuadi, Attur (TK), Salem, Tamil Nadu – 636141** | Rs. 5,38,304/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Four Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHCOIM00000006 as on 12.07.2021 | All that part and parcel of the property situated in Salem District, Salem East Registration District, Attur Sub – Registration District, Attur Town, Mulluvadi village, S.No. 563/2, Ward No.5, in this for an extent of 600 ¾ Square feet of land and building with all fixtures and other easement rights is situated within the boundaries of,<br>**Boundaries: 1st Item**<br>South to: 2nd Item Property and Jayaprakash property<br>East to : 2 feet North- South Common Santhu<br>West to : Ranga Street<br>North to: Ajanthamani Property<br>East - west both side 17 ¾ feet,<br>North - south both side 7 ¾ feet<br>Measuring 138 Square feet<br>**2nd Item**<br>South to: Kalliyam empty Property<br>East to : Kalliyam house property<br>West to : Jayaprakash property<br>North to: 1st item Property<br>**1st Thakku**<br>East - west North side 17 ½ feet East – West South side 13 ¾ feet,<br>North - south East side 17 ½ feet, North - south west side 17 ½ feet<br>Measuring 238 ½ feet, Square Feet<br>**2nd Thakku**<br>East-West North side 12 ½ feet, East – West South side 13 ½ feet,<br>North – South East side 17 ½ feet, North – South West side 17 ½ feet<br>Measuring 224 ¼ feet, Square feet<br>Totally 600 ¾ Sqaure feet |

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Place: Salem/Bangalore
Date : 10.11.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Shriram Housing Finance Limited

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that my clients **Sri Vijay Kumar .J.P.,** S/o. Late. Puttarama Reddy, No. 770, 1st floor, 26th cross, 14th main, Judicial Layout, Bangalore - 560 065, has wished to purchase the schedule property from one Smt. Vidya .M, W/o. Samrat .A.H, Aged about 28 years, R/at. No. 175, sai nest, 2nd floor, 3rd main, 2nd cross, AECS Layout, RMV 2nd stage, Sanjay nagar, Bangalore for a sale consideration, any persons, bank/society/firm or any body having any right, title, interest or claims by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, release, trust, inheritance, banquests, possession, lease, easement or otherwise over the under mentioned schedule property or any portion thereof, they may file their objections with documentary proof within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under signed counsel, failing which it is deemed that there is not impediment to complete the sale transaction and which shall be deemed to have been waived to all intents and purposes, my clients will proceed on the basis that there are no claims / interest whatsoever in nature and it will be finalized.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY.**

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No. 203, Sy. No. 90/4, Arkavathi layout, 7th block, Jakkur Village, Bangalore, measuring east to west 12.00 mtrs ad north to south 9.00 mtrs in all measuring 108 sq mtrs and bounded as follows

**East by :** Site No. 222., **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 203/A, **South by :** Site No. 204.

Sd/- **C.N. Raghavendra,** Advocate
No. 890, 16th Main, Judicial Lauyout, Yelahanka new town, Bangalore - 65.
7829220869.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

GENERAL PUBLIC is hereby notified that our client proposes to enter into a Joint Development Agreement to develop and sell the Schedule Property from (1) Mrs.Nageena Azeem wife of late Azeem Khan, (2) Mr.Sahir Azeem, Son of late Azeem Khan and (3) Mr.Sabir Azeem Son of late Azeem Khan, all residing at: No.602, 1st Floor, 7th Main, 17th 'A' Cross, 2nd Stage, Indiranagar Bangalore-560038 who have represented that they inherited the Schedule Property from Mr.Azeem Khan Son of Mr.Abdul Hafeez Khan who had purchased from Dr.M.Papanna, in terms of a Sale Deed dated 25/09/1992, registered as Document No. 2266/1992-93 in Book-I, Volume 3333 at pages 99 to 108, in the Office of Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore. Persons objecting for the proposed development or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within Fifteen days from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on our client and our client will proceed to develop and sell the Schedule Property as if there are no claims/objections.

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All that Property bearing Municipal No.602, situated at 7th Main, 17th 'A' Cross, Indiranagar 2nd Stage, Ward.No.82/ Hoysalanagar, Bangalore (previously known as Binnamangala 2nd Stage Extension), measuring East to West: 49 Feet 06 Inches and North to South: 35 Feet and totally measuring 1736 Sq.Ft, (PID.No.82-24-602) and bounded on:-

East by : Road; West by :Property No.611; North by : Property No.601; and South by : Property No.603.

**YASEEN BABU, K.M LEGAL ADVOCATES,**
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Tel:-080-25592786.
Email:kmlegaladvocates@gmail.com.
Bangalore, Date: 11/11/2021.

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**Our client is investigating the title of the property known as "Clydon Bungalow", located at Tapps Road, Kodaikanal, Tamil Nadu, originally comprised in Survey No.235 (part), currently comprised in T.S.No.8, Block No.29, Ward 'B', Kodaikanal Town, Dindigul District, admeasuring 1.58 Hectares, which is equivalent to 3.90 Acres or thereabouts, together with the building existing thereon, from its present owner, United Spirits Limited, A Diageo Group Company (previously McDowell & Company Limited, then carrying on business at 1-6 Second Line Beach, Madras-600 001), having its Registered Office at UB Tower, # 24, Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru-560 001 . Any other person/institution having any claim or charge over the aforementioned property shall lodge their claim or objection if any together with documentary proof to the undersigned within "TEN DAYS" from the date of this Notice, failing which it would be deemed that there is no other claim, charge or encumbrance whatsoever on the above mentioned property and any subsequent claim or objections shall be deemed to have been waived.**

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Tel.Nos.24914001/24914002
Email:advocateseshadri@gmail.com
12.11.2021

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CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **DEEPA. P. NAIR** W/o **Rakesh. P,** R/at No.304, Sanjeevini Desai Apartment, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066, have changed my name to **DEEPA RAKESH** in All my future correspondence will be in the name of **DEEPA RAKESH.** Vide affidavit dated:24/8/2021 Before Notary B.V.Nagabhushana Bangalore.

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Date: 12-11-2021 **Chief Warden**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that we have been instructed by our client, **Mr. Ashutosh Agarwala,** IBBI Registration No. IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P01123/2018-2019/11901 appointed as the Resolution Professional of **Cox & Kings Limited** (formerly known as Cox And Kings (India) Limited) pursuant to the order of the National Company Law Tribunal, Mumbai dated January 10, 2020, to investigate the right, title and interest of Cox & Kings Limited in respect of the premises more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder written ("**the Premises**").

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**SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO**
**(Description of the "the Premises")**

All those 3676 (Three Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Six) equity shares each of Rs. 10/- (Rupees Ten Only) bearing Distinctive Nos. 2033683 to 2036958 and 2036959 to 2037358, issued by Century Galaxy Developers Private Limited corresponding to Unit No. J-65, on the 6th Floor, in the 'J' Block, having super built up area of 1,638 square feet along with one car parking space in the basement, in the building known as "Diamond District", constructed on the land bearing Survey numbers 153, 158, 159,167, 160/1, 160/2, 160/3, 160/4, 163/1, 163/2, 164/1, 164/2, 165/1, 165/2, 165/3, 165/4, 165/6, 166/1,166/2, 166/3, & 166/4, situated at Kodihalli Village, Bangalore-Airport Road, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District.

Bangalore, Dated : 15.11.2021

FoxMandal Solicitors & Advocates

**S T Prashantha Kumar, Partner,**
**Fox Mandal & Associates**
Solicitors & Advocates

CM Basavaraj Bommai will take part in a virtual meeting between 3 pm and 6 pm on Monday with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman as part of the pre-budget discussions of CMs and Finance Ministers of different states. He will be joined by senior Finance Department officers. Sitaraman has been holding meetings continuously with different departments and ministries since October

## STRAWS IN THE WIND

### *Blockchain searches and course offers!*

With all the talk about the alleged Bitcoin scam making headlines every day, cryptocurrency seems to have piqued people's interest, who are now crowding the internet to know more about it and the related blockchain technology. Some also began reading up on how to mine Bitcoins the right way. While some argued that hacking of the crypto exchange is impossible, or even likened it to other online frauds, some others went a step ahead equating it to 'hawala' transactions, made easy by the decentralised Bitcoin currency. Many people who were looking up the internet to know what the fuss is all about, are ending up with offers on blockchain technology programmes by private agencies. As for the truth about the alleged scam, there is one, and there isn't one! At least that's what we know, for now.

### *Much ado about Shettar's Delhi visit*

Many eyebrows were raised when former CM Jagadish Shettar headed to New Delhi just a day after Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai returned from a two-day visit after meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home minister Amit Shah. Shettar's visit, coming on the back of the Bitcoin controversy in the state, set tongues wagging on whether there would be a change of guard yet again, or if there will be reshuffle of the Bommai Cabinet. On Sunday, when Shettar returned as quietly as he had left, there was nothing for the news hounds! Shettar only said that he had not met any of the senior leaders of the party. One source claimed that as the MLC polls are scheduled to be held next month, Shettar had gone to push for the case of his brother and MLC Pradeep Shettar. Well, so much for all the intrigue!



### *'Budding scribe' catches IPS officer Roopa by surprise*

Indian Police Service officer D Roopa is known to be a good speaker and has even delivered TedX talks. Currently posted as managing director of the Handicrafts Emporium, she has sort of been its brand ambassador too, especially for the famed Channapatna toys. On Saturday evening, she was giving a talk at the St Joseph's evening college on the occasion of the annual day celebrations. While encouraging the students to take up civil services, she said they would not need the help of professors, especially those who teach humanities, as they can grasp the different subjects on their own. This left some of the professors in the audience red-faced. But she was not prepared for what was to come. During the interactive session, a BSc graduate, who had joined the BA (psychology, journalism and English optional) programme to prepare for the civil services exam, stumped the officer when he sought to know why she was posted to the Handicrafts Emporium despite her 'notable' stint as DIG-Prisons. This prompted murmurs in the audience that the student was cut out to be a journalist.

### *Gowda leads, Bommai follows on Nehru birth anniversary*

While the rank and file of the BJP were guarded in celebrating the 132nd birth anniversary of the country's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's 11th Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, held him in high esteem. This perhaps prompted a rather tepid reaction from Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. Sugata Srinivasaraju, the author of the book 'Furrows in a Field-The Unexplored life of H D Deve Gowda', tweeted an excerpt from the book on Sunday to mark the occasion. "Whoever occupies the chair, invariably has to work in the great man's shadow. He was such a tall figure. If you accept his stature, you can move ahead and do a lot of good work. On the contrary, if you begin to challenge his place and position in history, you'll only do that all your life. I feel extremely sad and angered at the way he has been projected and vilified after Narendra Modi became Prime Minister", Gowda has been quoted as saying in the book. On his part, Basavaraj Bommai only had this to say: "Nehru is a great leader who laid a strong foundation for the country's development through the Five Year Plans after India attained Independence"

BITCOIN ROW

# GUILTY WILL BE PUNISHED MERCILESSLY: CM

Challenges Congress to name 'influential people' involved in the scam, says it was BJP that first exposed the case

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A day after Congress national general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala hit out at the Bharatiya Janata Party over the brewing Bitcoin scam which has created a furore in Karnataka politics , Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday reiterated that his government will act against all those involved in the scam.

Speaking to mediapersons after participating in a function organised to mark the birth anniversary of former prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru here, Bommai said that there was no question of his government sparing anyone involved in the case.

"Our government is open on this issue. We are the ones who had exposed the case. It is our government which recommended the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe the case. ED is already conducting the probe and the CBI has taken it to the Interpol as well. All the necessary information have been provided to these agencies," Bommai elaborated.

"If those involved are found to have perpetrated any fraud on the interests of the country, state or any individuals, we will act mercilessly against them," Bommai asserted.

Responding to questions raised by Surjewala, who is also AICC in-charge of Karnataka, Bommai said that the State Government does not need lessons from a party which allowed the accused to go scot-free. "We have replied to his (Surjewala's) six questions. If the case had a Karnataka connect since 2016, why their own government did not probe the case then? Why the then Congress chief minister and ministers did not pay attention to it? They released Srikrishna, the accused, who was arrested. They could have acted seriously even when the accused had sought anticipatory bail. Why are you (Congress) raising all the questions with us after deliberately allowing the case to attain mega proportion? We need not learn lessons from those who allowed the accused to go scot-free," Bommai thundered.

He also challenged the Congress leaders to name those it has alleged are involved in the scam. "The Congress says there are some influential people involved in it. If you know them, then name them. We will investigate it without any second thought," the Chief Minsiter added.

"Surjewala's efforts to project the issue as a major scam reflects his intellectual bankruptcy. It is not appropriate for a national spokesperson of a national party to indulge in such act just based on a Twitter handle. He should speak with circumstantial evidence," Bommai said.

Replying to questions on confusion about the seized Bitcoins, Bommai said that the accused Srikrisha had claimed an account of a Bitcoin exchange as his own personal account.

**Arrest Cong leaders' sons: BJP state gen secy**

BENGALURU : BJP state general secretary former MLC Ashwath Narayan on Sunday said that the sons of Congress leaders who have links with alleged hacker Sri Krishna (Sriki) should be arrested. He went on to name the son of a Bengaluru Congress MLA and the son of a former Congress minister and demanded they be arrested. While Congress leaders made allegations against BJP leaders, he claimed that the Congress was seeking to divert the issue. **ENS**

REMEMBERING A STALWART

People pay tributes to India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his 132rd birth anniversary outside Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

# Party comes first, don't turn leaders into idols, DKS tells Cong workers

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KARNATAKA Pradesh Congress Committee president DK Shivakumar on Sunday admonished those in the party who idolise leaders, saying it should not be done at the cost of the party.

At a Congress membership drive at Bengaluru Palace Grounds, Shivakumar urged those chanting "DK, DK" before he rose to speak to keep up the enthusiasm till the 2023 Assembly elections. As the chants grew louder, he said individuals and leaders may come and go, but the party will live on. "Workers should not raise slogans hailing a person. They should put the party first," he added.

**Workers should not raise slogans hailing a person. They should put the party first**

DK Shivakumar, KPCC president

On the occasion, which also celebrated the birth anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru, party national General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala said, "Nehru was not just the country's first Prime Minister, but also a freedom fighter who spent over nine-and-a-half years in prison for fighting against the British. The Constitution was important for him and not the religious backgrounds of people."

Assembly Opposition leader Siddaramaiah said Nehru loved children as he believed that it was only the children and youth who can transform the nation. He also recalled how Nehru, Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Abul Kalam and Subhash Chandra Bose spent several years in prison.

Later in the evening, Siddarmaiah, Surjewala, AICC Secretary Raminder Singh Ola, Council opposition leader SR Patil, senior leader Allum Veerabhadrappa, KPCC working president Eshwar Khandre, former minister Priyank Kharge and others participated in the Hyderabad-Karnataka division leaders' meeting to discuss ways to strengthen the party in those parts.

Congress supporters at the party's membership drive at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Sunday | SHRIRAM BN

# JDS to play it safe in Council polls, focus on Old Mysuru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE JDS, which faced a debacle in the recent bypolls to Sindhagi and Hanagal Assembly seats, with both of its candidates losing deposits, has decided to restrict itself to its stronghold of Old Mysuru region for the December 10 Legislative Council polls to 25 seats from local bodies.

With no strong candidates, the party has decided to contest from only about 6-7 seats including Hassan, Tumakuru, Mysuru, Kolar and Mandya. In Hassan, another of party supremo H D Deve Gowda's family members — H D Revanna's son Dr Suraj — is expected to take the political plunge.

"I had campaigned in the Assembly polls for my father Revanna. Our party workers have been exerting pressure on me to contest the MLC election. It all depends on my grandfather's decision", Suraj, older brother of Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna, told *TNIE*.

With this, one more member of Gowda's family will join active politics. Suraj's mother Bhavani is a former ZP member in Hassan. Revanna family members have a good track record of electoral victory as none of them have lost the polls they had contested. However, Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of former CM H D Kumaraswamy, had lost the Mandya Lok Sabha election in 2019.

## KAS officer seeks VRS to contest MLC elections

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

THE JDS, which has been hunting for strong candidates to contest the December 10 Legislative Council elections, has found a young KAS officer who is keen on contesting the polls from the Tumakuru seat.

Special Land Acquisition Officer with the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board, Anil Kumar R (41), who had applied for voluntary retirement scheme two months ago, might make the electoral plunge if his application is accepted by the government by November 23. If it is not accepted, then the regional party will field his father Ramanjanaiah, a former ZP member and retired Chief Accounts Officer, party sources said. This comes at a time when Vokkaliga leader from Tumakuru and sitting JDS MLC BEML Kantharaju has been cozying up to the Congress with an eye on contesting the 2023 Assembly polls from Turuvekere. As the Congress is expected to field MLA K N Rajanna's son Rajendra, who hails from the ST Nayaka community, from Tumakuru, the JDS wants to ensure his defeat by fielding a strong candidate. Rajanna had claimed that he had ensured the defeat of former PM H D Deve Gowda in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

Like Rajanna, Anil Kumar too hails from the ST Nayaka community. When contacted, Anil, a 2008 batch KAS officer, said, "Me and my family will sit together and take a call on who should take the political plunge," he said. Apart from Anil Kumar, two of his brothers, brother-in-law and sister are also KAS officers.

LOST GLORY

# *A museum now, Navy vessel INS Chapal faces danger of permanent damage*

The 325-tonne INS Chapal docked at Karwar port | EXPRESS

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @Karwar

THE mammoth, 325-tonne INS Chapal, a decommissioned Navy vessel that was converted into a museum 15 years ago and docked at the Karwar port, is a picture of utter neglect.

The corroded deck that could collapse any moment, unbearable stench, dirty barracks, rusty guns, engines and missile launchers are what greet visitors now. The ship that honourably served the Navy for over three decades faces the danger of being damaged permanently unless it is restored immediately, staffers working on the ship told *TNIE*.

INS Chapal, commissioned in 1976 and decommissioned in 2005, was inaugurated as a museum on November 14, 2006 by then Minister for Small-Scale Industries Shivananda Naik.

The warship has four missile launchers and two anti-aircraft guns. Despite poor maintenance, it attracts thousands of visitors every day, generating revenues of Rs 94 lakh so far.

Over the years, the ship's maintenance has changed several hands. First, it was with Bal Bhavan for seven years, then it was handed over to the town planning department and later to the Uttara Kannada Tourist Places Development Committee, which maintained it for four years. At present, it is with the tourism department.

The deck of INS Chapal that is corroding due to poor maintenance | EXPRESS

The staff working here revealed that the ship's deck is in a bad shape and needs immediate repairs. "The ship is docked close to the sea and it is highly vulnerable to corrosion. The effect can be seen on the deck. The district administration has been writing to the Navy for repairs, but there has been no response for the last two years," said a staffer on condition of anonymity.

When it rains, a tarpaulin is pulled to protect the ship, which had weathered many a storm during its heyday. Uttara Kannada Deputy Commissioner Mullai Muhilan said that minimum maintenance work is being carried out and soon, the problems would be set right. "The ship should be reworked once every two years. But it has not been done for the last four years. It will be fine soon," he added.

A day after at least 26 suspected Maoists, including women, were gunned down in the Mardintola jungle of Gadchiroli district, Maharashtra, the Bhupalpally police sounded high alert in the Agency and border villages on Sunday

# Show zero tolerance for POCSO cases, states told

## Stick to 60-day timeframe for probe and trial, says Amit Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Tirupati

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday urged the States to show zero tolerance towards crime against children and to adhere to the timeframe of 60 days to complete the probe and trial in cases registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Addressing the concluding session of the 29th Southern Zonal Council meeting here, Shah asked the chief ministers to accord priority to addressing the narcotic menace.

He also said the Centre has initiated the process for amending the Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code and Evidence Act, and the States have been asked for inputs.

Shah also wanted the States to create an independent institution of the Director of Prosecution to expedite prosecutions, besides setting up at least one college of forensic sciences in every State.

> Evolve an action plan in your states to showcase and highlight the contribution of tribals to India's Freedom Struggle and for the development of your State
>
> Amit Shah, Union Home Minister

"Under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative, a National Forensic Science University and a Rashtriya Raksha University have been established. All States should establish at least one forensic science college with the syllabus in the local language so that they can have trained manpower to meet the needs of forensic investigation," he said. He said the Centre has decided to observe

November 15 as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas andthe day will be observed in various formats spread over a week highlighting the contribution of tribal communities to India's Freedom and national development. "Evolve an action plan in your states to showcase and highlight the contribution of tribals to India's Freedom Struggle and for the development of your State," Shah told the CMs.

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai greets his Andhra Pradesh counterpart YS Jagan Mohan Reddy in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the 29th Southern Zonal Council meeting in Tirupati on Sunday | EXPRESS

# Centre must not approve TN water project: Bommai

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BOMMAI said Tamil Nadu's Cauvery-Vaigai-Gundar link works have no legal sanction and urged the Centre not to approve the project.

He reiterated Karnataka's demand to the Centre not to accord legal clearance to major permanent irrigation projects taken up by neighbouring states in violation of verdicts of Water Disputes Tribunals.

Telangana has no right to take up the Palamaru Ranga Reddy and Nakkalagandi lift-irrigation projects from the Srisailam reservoir in Krishna basin to draw a large quantum of surplus water, Bommai said.

He also opposed the construction of Rajiv Gandhi Sangam Banda barrage by Telangana. Such a permanent project to draw surplus waters would deprive Karnataka of its rightful share, he said, expressing Karnataka's readiness to take up a joint survey.

A joint survey should also be conducted on the impending submergence of villages in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh due to the construction of Gundravulu reservoir by Andhra Pradesh across Tungabhadra river. Andhra should share the details it has submitted to the Tribunal and clearances it has obtained from the Centre regarding the project, he demanded.

On sharing Krishna waters, he said Andhra and Telangana have no clearance for any projects other than the ones approved for utilising the already adjudicated quantum of waters.

Bommai appealed for a speedy response on concluding an agreement with Telangana, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala on boosting interstate transport services.

He stressed the need for better coordination among home departments of southern states to effectively prevent and combat crime and strengthen communication networks in border areas.

"Karnataka is at the forefront of harnessing renewable energy sources. It is the only state which has met the targets set by the Centre. The Union government should remove inter-state tariff disparities in the interest of drawing investment," he added.

The state government has created a Core DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) Forum to ascertain the identities of beneficiaries. In its budget, Karnataka has already announced linking all centrally sponsored schemes to the DBT Forum to prevent the use of fake documents and eliminate fake beneficiaries.

# 4 die as heavy rain continues to batter Kerala

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ T'Puram

HEAVY rain continued to lash most parts of the state on Sunday leaving at least four people dead, damaging scores of houses and destroying a large extent of crops besides causing floods and landslips in some areas. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who chaired a high level meeting to assess the situation has asked people in the state to exercise 'utmost caution'.

While one person died in Ernakulam in landslip, three drowning deaths were reported from Kannur, Thrissur and Thiruvananthapuram. While the deaths in Kannur and Thrissur were of children, the third victim was a 75-year-old woman from Thiruvananthapuram. A total of 382 houses have been destroyed and another 2205 houses have suffered damage in the heavy rain that has been lashing the state since Friday.

Flood water gushes near a house following a heavy rainfall in Enathu, Adoor, in Kerala on Sunday | EXPRESS

# Kids should stop posting personal details

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THOUGH experts partially attribute the rise to increased exposure to the internet among children due to online classes, there are concerns that cases will further increase in the coming years as children are inevitably provided with gadgets such as mobile phones or tablets for their education.

Nagasimha G Rao, Director, Child Rights Trust, told The New Indian Express that most of the cybercrimes targeting children go unreported as parents fear social stigma. "I have come across scores of cases where parents have forced their children to remove social media applications due to unpleasant experiences. It is alarming that even children as young as eight years old are becoming victims of cybercrimes. Some parents are also the reason for this, as they themselves post their children's pictures on social media just to garner attention," he said.

**CYBERCRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN**

| STATES | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|---|---|
| Karnataka | 10 | 71 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 98 | 197 |
| Maharashtra | 70 | 207 |
| Kerala | 30 | 126 |

Rao said parents, teachers, and the government must make a collaborative effort to save children from cybercrimes. "Children should be taught at schools the dos and don'ts while using their gadgets. They should be taught the basics of cyber safety such as not responding to texts or photos sent by unknown persons," he advised.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said people, especially children, should be cautious about what they share on social media. "Dealing with the digital world comes with its own drawbacks. Children should refrain from posting personal details such as their phone numbers and residential addresses. They become vulnerable if they respond to strangers on social media or messaging applications".

EXPRESS READ

### Man stabs son to death in Thiruvananthapuram

T'Puram: A 32-year-old man was stabbed to death by his father under the influence of alcohol at Pathirassery near Olathanni under the Neyyattinkara police station limits on Saturday night. The deceased is Arun, son of Sasidharan. Both were inebriated when the incident happened. ENS

### Youth held for sexually assaulting minor girl

Coimbatore: A 24-year-old was arrested in Karamadai under POCSO Act for abducting and sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl. Police said P Lokeshwaran of Solaiyur in Kerala groomed the girl who visited the village to spend time with her grandmother. ENS

# ROW OVER STATUE IN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

A five-foot-tall statue of Jesus Christ that has come up inside the MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary in Kollegal of Chamarajanagar district has become the bone of contention between wildlife activists and local residents.

The area where the statue and a small shrine were built over the last few months stands on forest land in Hoogya (also known as Hoogyam) area located near Jallipallya village. Wildlife activists allege that the land is being encroached upon by a few locals and a statue was erected to give it a religious angle so that it is not removed. It is said that the statue was installed during the second lockdown in Karnataka.

"The encroachment of forest land is evident. If it is allowed, it will be a new shrine and a tourist spot. The area is part of MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary and any such non-forestry activity must be stopped by the Forest Department officials," demanded wildlife activists from Kollegal.



The statue of Jesus Christ inside the MM Hills Wildlife Sanctuary in Chamarajanagar

"Last year itself, there were attempts to create a small shrine. But the work was stalled after the Forest Department officials intervened. This year, during the pandemic, the works were taken up once again and the statue was installed. We demand its early relocation. There are also allegations that those who have encroached upon forest land have also tried to cultivate it and claimed that the land belongs to them," an activist explained.

There are also allegations that a road was built illegally without the consent of the Forest Department. "It is a clear case of encroachment and the Forest Department must take quick action. The encroachers have also used heavy machinery to lay the road and the statue came up in no time. Several forest patches have either degraded or have been encroached upon in Karnataka due to religious interference. The MM Hills Sanctuary is all set to be declared as the sixth tiger reserve of Karnataka and the Forest Department must initiate action before it's too late," another activist demanded.

Meanwhile, Forest officials clarified that the works were stopped earlier and said that action will be taken in case of any such encroachment. "We got to know about the statue and the locals have explained about the site being inside forest boundaries. A forest team will be deployed to have regular patrolling to ensure no such encroachment takes place," said a senior forest official from MM Hills Sanctuary. The official, however, did not clarify on the demand to shift the statue from the forest area.

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**RASMEC Hosur Branch**, Sri Vaari Building, Plot No.2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase-I, Zuzuvadi, (Opp. Ashok Leyland), **Hosur**-635 126, **Phone:** 04344-277714 **Email:** sbi.61275@sbi.co.in

**Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002**

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon.

| Name of Borrowers & address | Name of Owner of property etc. | Description of the property mortgaged/ charged | Date of Demand Notice | Date of Possession | Amount Outstanding |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1. Shri. Prakash A R**<br>No 23, 5th Main, 8th Cross, M V Nagar, Rammurthy Nagar, Bangalore North, Bnaglore – 560016<br>Mob – 7337628977, 9986880234<br><br>**2.Shri. Prakash A R**<br>Nuance Transcription Services India , #1st Floor, Block B, Aura, Marathahalli – Sarjapur Outer Ring road, Kaverappa layout Bangalore -560 103<br><br>**3.Shri. Prakash A R**<br>Flat No. A-316, A Block, SIGMA Serenity Apartments, Attibele, Sarjapur Main Road, Indlabele Village, Bangalore – 562107. | **Shri. PRAKASH A.R. S/o Shri. RAVINATH ARUMUGAM** | **Schedule A Property**<br>All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Sy No. 223, (old Sy No.173) of the converted land to an total extent of 2 acres, vide Conversion Order No.ALN (A) (A) SR/107/2010-11 dated 17.03.2010, situated at Indlabele village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded on the : East by : Sarjapura Main Road, West by : Sy.No.173, North by : Sy.No.180 & 181, South by : Sai Layout<br>**Schedule B Property**<br>386 Sq.Ft undivided share, right, title and interest in the Schedule 'A' Property.<br>**Schedule C Property**<br>A Three Bedroom-Apartment bearing Flat No. A-316, of A Block, now bearing Bidaraguppe Grampanchayath e-khatha No 150200100200320743, Flat No.248/A-316, on the Third Floor of the building known as "SIGMA SERENITY" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property having Super Built-up area of 1066 Sq.ft, (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement and bounded on East by : A-314, West by: A-318, North by : Open Place, South by: A-315 | 24.08.2021 | 12.11.2021 | **Rs.4692984.00 (Rupees Forty six Lakhs ninety two Thousand nine Hundred and eighty four only) as on 12.11.2021 and further interest from 13.11.2021 costs, etc., thereon.** |

Date : 12.11.2021
Place: Hosur

Authorised Officer
State Bank of India
RASMEC Hosur Branch.

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Date : 12.11.2021
Place: Hosur

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# EDITORIAL

Any backdoor tech companies use to invade people's communications can, like any backdoor, be invaded by others unauthorised to intrude

Glenn Greenwald

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— Ramnath Goenka

## COAL GOT A BREATHER FROM INDIA AT CLIMATE SUMMIT

After two weeks of tough UN negotiations on climate change in Glasgow that got extended by a day, the 26th conference of its kind produced a compromise agreement where India had the last word. It insisted on softening the language on eliminating coal-based power production, saying developing nations had the right to use the leftover carbon budget, which is the quantity of $CO_2$ the world can release before it reaches the global warming threshold of 1.5°C. The Earth will witness catastrophe if it heats up beyond 1.5°C of pre-industrialisation levels. This was the first time the UN pressed for reduction of fossil fuels. India's objection had support from China and other coal-intensive economies. In the end, a word in a sentence on 'phasing out' of unabated use of coal power was changed to 'phasing down', bringing the curtains down on the hard-fought deal.

There is no denying that the present mess is largely because of the profligacy of rich nations that powered up their economic engines over the years using dirty energy. India emerged as the voice of the global south that requires cost-effective resources to lift millions out of poverty. It had already demanded ample climate finance from developed countries for a quick switch to green energy, and made its net-zero commitment by 2070 conditional to ironclad guarantees of funds. However, rich nations failed to keep their promise made in 2009 to provide $100 billion per year from 2020 as climate finance, but reset the target to $500 billion by 2025. All nations agreed on a yearly review of their pledges to incrementally improve them. Further, new rules were incorporated for greater scrutiny of emissions reporting to prevent fudging.

However, a lot more needs to be done to save the planet. While pledges before COP26 were to keep emissions at 52.4 gigatonnes by 2030, it came down to 41.9 at the summit, which would work out to 1.8°C warming. That is not good enough as the required figure is 26.6 if we are to not exceed 1.5°C. As for India, it needs to shake up its coal basket to stay within acceptable limits.

## CRYPTIC SIGNALS ON CRYPTOCURRENCIES

Cryptocurrencies have become a headache for policymakers across the world. The same is true about the government of India, which has not been able to make up its mind on how to tackle the growing popularity of unregulated digital currencies. Whatever signals it has given so far smack of the government's cluelessness about the issue. While the country's central bank has been very clear on its stand on cryptocurrencies—time and again it has said these digital currencies are a threat to the nation's financial stability—the government, though, seems to be not so sure. While it is mindful of the fact that cryptocurrencies could be used for money laundering and terror financing, it is not ready to go for a blanket ban on cryptos.

The issue of regulations of cryptocurrencies has reached the high offices with the prime minister himself chairing a meeting last Saturday to discuss it. The message coming out from that meeting is that the Centre is looking for a middle path on the issue. It has said that any step that it takes would be 'progressive' and 'forward-looking'. Clearly, the government is unlikely to ban cryptocurrencies as it believes digital currencies are evolving technology with many positive utilities in future. It might be mindful of the fact that many countries in the world are slowly giving legitimacy to these currencies, which are based on the much talked-about blockchain technology. The US now has a Bitcoin Futures ETF trading on exchanges; El Salvador has even allowed bitcoin as a legal tender. The Centre may not go for an outright ban, instead it would look to bring in limited restrictions on the sale and promotion of cryptocurrencies. Saturday's meeting also discussed the aggressive advertising by crypto exchanges that is 'misleading' the nation's youth.

The question, though, is to what extent the government may like to rein in digital currencies without hurting millions of enterprising investors who have already bet on them. The much-awaited cryptocurrency bill likely to be tabled in the Winter Session of Parliament may have some answers.

In many other countries, the pandemic is still raging. This is a historic opportunity for India to show the world how to tackle endemic Covid-19

## THE FIRST NATION TO TRANSITION TO ENDEMIC COVID

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The Covid pandemic is far from over as daily numbers are still high in many countries, without their epidemic waves declining to low and steady figures that represent endemic prevalence. On 27 June 2021, India transitioned from the epidemic phase to endemic prevalence, sustained for the past 140 days as of November 14.

Are we out of the woods yet? After the first wave abated, we entered a 10-week endemic phase, only to be interrupted by the second wave. The Delta variant of the second wave had far higher transmission efficiency than the first wave variant (Wuhan-G614D). The recent AY.4.2 variant remains below 0.1%, showing low transmission efficiency that cannot overtake Delta transmission. India has thus become the world's first country to reach endemic prevalence.

Epidemic means daily numbers of Covid cases rise to a crescendo and decline until a steady state with low numbers (endemic prevalence) is reached. The second wave peaked on May 6 (4,14,433 cases) and declined to less than 50,000 cases per day (seven-day moving average) on June 27. After 73 days, on September 8, daily numbers fell below 40,000; after 16 days (September 24) below 30,000; after 14 days (October 8) below 20,000; after 19 days (October 27) below 15,000, sustained for 18 days (November 14).

Transmission dynamics is represented by R, indicating numerical variations of cases on a continuous scale. During the ascending phase of the epidemic, R is greater than 1 and during the descending phase, it is less than 1. During the endemic phase, R is equal to 1 (with minor fluctuations). As the susceptible population pool shrinks, with daily infections and progressive increase in vaccination coverage, case numbers must slowly dwindle. The continuous addition of an immunity-naive population through birth allows continued endemic transmission.

At this historic juncture, we ask two questions: What determined the transition? What changes in strategy should India adopt to mitigate the ill-effects of endemic Covid?

Nearly 85% of Covid infections are asymptomatic; only 15% exhibit symptoms of disease—therefore the reported Covid cases are only a subset of infected people. Epidemic and endemic prevalence refer to disease numbers, irrespective of the magnitude of the invisible backdrop of asymptomatic infections. Although re-infections do occur, they are mostly subclinical without contributing significantly to disease numbers.

Why should Covid epidemic transition to the endemic phase? At any point in time, the number, proportion and distribution of non-immune versus immune people determines the transmission speed R. When the pool of the susceptible is large, R rises above 1 and when the pool of the immune is large, R falls below 1. The end of the epidemic denotes that the herd immunity threshold (HIT) applicable to the particular variant has been reached. HIT is the proportion of immune individuals required for the transition from epidemic to endemic prevalence, when rapid transmission (R>1) and rapid decline (R<1) settle down to slow steady transmission (R=1). The HIT of Wuhan-G614D was a fraction of that of the Delta variant, explaining the sequence of the first wave, endemic phase and the large second wave.

ICMR had conducted periodic surveys of the proportions of population with immunity. The fourth survey in July, after the second wave had ended, showed 67.4% of those above six years of age had antibodies. In the second survey, only 64% of those with previously RT-PCR positive infection had detectable antibodies. Although antibody titres wane below the range of test detection, immunity does not disappear altogether. Therefore, the immune population was much higher than 67.4%, as many among the antibody negative 32.6% would have had previous infection and immunity. Thus, a huge majority had been infected with some virus variant and the HIT of the Delta variant had been reached and surpassed—this is the reason why the epidemic ended. Now the immunity-naive population is not large enough to allow a third wave, unless a variant that defies current levels of immunity in the population emerges. The variant horizon is under constant watch by scientists.

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Our Covid vaccination roll-out was aimed at reaching the HIT of the Delta variant for ending the epidemic. Now that we have reached there, vaccination policy has to be revised to achieve two ends: mitigate risks of severe disease during endemic prevalence and reduce the sources of infection.

The risks of serious disease when infected are the same during epidemic and endemic phases for the vulnerable—pregnant women, people aged above 60 or those with comorbidities and conditions affecting the immune system, like those having immune suppressants, organ transplantation, cancers and their treatments, etc. They must be protected by high levels of immunity elicited by two doses during pregnancy the first time and a single booster dose in the next pregnancy, and in all others, a booster dose six months to one year after the second dose. Booster doses save lives and retard further virus transmission.

The sources of virus now are two-fold: all unvaccinated and all with waned immunity after two doses of the vaccine (breakthrough infections) or after past infection (reinfection). Keeping this in mind, the focus of the vaccine roll-out should shift towards achieving source-reduction.

The most important source of the virus, especially as schools reopen, is school children. Their vaccination is an urgent priority during the endemic phase; fast-tracking safety data collection, regulatory assessment and extension of emergency use authorisation for children are urgent needs.

The next priority for vaccination (including boosters) ought to be for those whose occupation brings them in contact with numerous people in social interactions—healthcare, police, religious, education, commerce and sales, transportation, manufacturing, hospitality, etc. Completion of their inoculation can be supervised by their respective administrative officers. An enabling policy revision is needed to accomplish this.

Currently, India is the only country in the world to have reached a sustained endemic state while in other nations, the pandemic is still raging. This is a historic opportunity for us to show the world how to tackle endemic Covid-19.

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## PEGASUS ORDER CALLS FOR CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

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Recently, the Supreme Court passed an order constituting an expert committee to probe into the allegations on the use of Pegasus spyware. The accusation that the government has, in collaboration with a foreign company, snooped on its own people and institutions is serious. As the court indicated in its order on October 27, the constitutional and democratic concerns involved in the issue cannot be lost in the political thicket. Allegedly, about 50,000 devices were snooped all over the world. Persons working across various fields were named as victims of the surveillance.

After the Puttaswamy verdict (2017), privacy rights were asserted before the Supreme Court in many cases. But in the instant case of Manohar Lal Sharma v. Union of India, the right to privacy is manifested in multiple forms in the personal and public lives of the citizens. The very legitimacy of a regime that harshly used nationalism and patriotism to incarcerate the citizens is now clearly under a judicial scanner. At a time when the opposition in the country faces an existential dilemma, the court, with all its limits, asked certain inconvenient and tough questions.

The Orwellian concerns expressed in the court order go far beyond political parties and national boundaries. Illegal surveillance strikes at the root of the right to privacy. International targeted surveillance with a political agenda, to fulfil the interests of the market forces or of those who run the electoral autocracies, poses a civilisational threat to humankind. French philosopher Michel Foucault has explained the fundamental nexus between dictatorial power, surveillance and social control. In his memoir *Permanent Record* (2019), Edward Snowden talks about "surveillance capitalism" and the relevance of an "international opposition movement". He also indicates the contradiction of the law being "country-specific, whereas technology is not". Therefore, it is essential to equip the laws to address the global and technical challenges involved in the Pegasus issue.

Before the Supreme Court, the government did not specifically answer a short and straightforward question: whether it used Pegasus for surveillance. According to the provisions in the Civil Procedure Code, failure, or refusal to clearly answer the "point of substance" can invite adverse findings and consequences. In constitutional litigations, the government has a duty to reveal all the facts and information in its possession to the court, as stated in Ram Jethmalani v. Union of India (2011) and reiterated in the present order of the court. More than a matter of law, this reflects an approach of prudence and common sense. The regime's silence on the point is noteworthy. It aggravated the apprehensions about selective surveillance with a specific hidden agenda.

The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) movement that gained momentum after the Emergency suffered a setback in recent times due to multiple reasons. Lack of seriousness and procedural certainty, coupled with abuse of the jurisdiction, resulted in trivialisation of the device. Anuj Bhuwania has elaborated on the qualitative deterioration that the institution of PIL faced in India in his seminal work, Courting the People (2017). The order in the Pegasus case gives hope for the re-emergence of genuine and serious social action litigations.

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The court order has an instructive and intrinsic value as well. Sometimes, constitutional courts can act as great public educators, though their primary function is different. The order says that in an ambience of surveillance, the press or the people cannot be free. The court traced the quintessential relation between freedom of expression and freedom from surveillance. In the words of the court, "the knowledge that one is under the threat of being spied on can affect the way an individual decides to exercise his or her rights" and "such a scenario might result in self-censorship". Indisputably, surveillance is policing thoughts, dreams and imagination of the individuals and their collectives. It annihilates the freedom of the press in tremendous ways. It intimidates even the source of information, the foundation of the fourth estate. It is an egregious trespass into the forbidden zones. The order is valuable for its authoritative emphasis on "protection of journalistic sources".

The challenges before the committee are enormous. If the government continues to take a stubborn attitude, as it took before the court, or does not cooperate in the steps ahead, timely and effective judicial interventions may be needed. The device called 'continuing mandamus', where the court constantly oversees the progress of the activities or lack of it, and issues directives from time to time, may turn out to be a processual imperative.

We need an effective mechanism to ensure cybersecurity for the nation. In the event of unauthorised intrusions, access to quick legal remedies should be guaranteed. Planting spyware in the targeted devices and email accounts is an aggravated form of surveillance that warrants severe punishment.

But at the end of the day, the Pegasus litigation calls not only for judicial vigilance but alertness of the civil society at large. Digital surveillance has the potential to turn democracies upside down. As such, no one can live with a false notion of individual security. As writer Thor Benson reminds us: "Don't oppose mass surveillance for your own sake. Oppose it for the activists, lawyers, journalists and all of the other people our liberty relies on."

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### Strong message to Naxals

Gadchiroli for long has been a hunting ground of the Maoists. Though the Naxals have taken many innocent lives, the forces could not put an end to this menace till now. The recent killing of more than 25 Maoists by the Maharashtra police sends a strong message to all Naxal groups to lay down their arms.

**K R Srinivasan, Secunderabad**

### Brutality of militants

The dastardly killing of a colonel, his wife and infant son, and four army personnel in Manipur is clear evidence of the brutality of these militant groups (Nov 14). These deaths should not go in vain and the state should use its full might to crush militancy, both internal and those initiated by outfits operating from across the borders.

**C V Aravind, Bengaluru**

### Spread climate awareness

The discussions during COP26 and the resolutions look good on paper but the reality on the ground may be different. The ambitious net zero targets can be achieved only when each and every individual is made aware of those and not merely by the policies of governments. Efforts must be taken to disseminate awareness among the people so that they actively participate in this Herculean task.

**M Rishidev, Dindigul**

### At the mercy of ruffians

This is with reference to the opinion article *When rowdies become presidents* (Nov 14). In countries like the Philippines, Myanmar and Afghanistan, people are at the mercy of ruffians who annihilate any dissenters. Our leaders can teach many tricks to Duterte on managing the country with nepotism and money laundering.

**Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati**

### Copycats won't succeed

This is with reference to the opinion article *Copycat Hindutva is trouble for BJP* (Nov 14). There is a vast difference between the original and the imitation. The so-called secular parties are exposed when they use the term 'Hindu terrorism', equate Hindutva with ISIS, claim minorities have priority over the nation's resources, oppose a common civil code and the reading down of Article 370, and praise Jinnah.

**Shreeram Paranjpe, Bengaluru**

### Mountain out of a molehill

It is unfortunate that a casual comment by a National Best Actress award winner has been blown out of proportion. She has also clarified her statement. The opposition parties must concentrate on burning issues that affect the people instead of making a mountain out of a molehill.

**R Sekar, Chennai**

### Insulting freedom struggle

Actor Kangana Ranaut has insulted our country's struggle for independence. Freedom of expression is not a licence to say anything. It is a paradox that one who harbours such thoughts is decorated with the Padma Shri.

**Capt Raju Mathai (Retd), Kochi**

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**TWEETS OF THE DAY**

**Mahua Moitra** @MahuaMoitra
Welcome to New India where display of non-veg food on streets hurts Bhakt sensibilities but lynching humans in broad daylight on streets doesn't

**Shashi Tharoor** @ShashiTharoor
Rajaji and Dr Radhakrishnan had habit of holding people's faces & pinching cheeks: Dr Radhakrishnan even did this to Stalin, to the latter's horror!

**Prakash Javadekar** @PrakashJavdekar
AQI on Nov 14 at 9AM in Delhi 338, Mumbai 203, Kolkata 92, Bengaluru 60, Chennai 58. They have comparable population & vehicles. Think over it

# Is Supreme Court an ISIS accomplice, Mr Khurshid?

**S GURUMURTHY**
Editor, Thuglak, and commentator on economic and political affairs

HINDUTVA depicts the way of life of Indian people, their state of mind and ethos. Hindu, Hindutva and Hinduism cannot be confined to the narrow limits of religion alone excluding the content of Indian culture and heritage. Or confined to merely describing persons practising the Hindu religion as a faith. Hindutva or Hinduism cannot be equated with narrow fundamentalist Hindu religious bigotry or as depicting hostility, enmity or intolerance towards other religious faiths or as professing communalism." Who said this? Wait. It is only half the question. Here is the other half. A book titled *Sunrise over Ayodhya* authored by an eminent political leader but not so eminent a lawyer and released recently says that the Hindutva movement in India is the ideological counterpart of international Islamist terror outfits — Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and Nigerian Boko Haram. Both have killed tens of thousands of innocent people, kept thousands as sex slaves and concubines, tortured and mutilated human bodies, forcibly converted people and waged war against states with the aim of establishing a global Islamic State consisting of only Muslims, and eliminating all others. What is that book and who is its author? The answer to both will make the full story.

The answer to the first is that it is the Supreme Court which in 1995 expounded on facts and ruled that Hindutva and Hinduism are the way of life, culture and ethos of Indian people. The author of the book who equates Hindutva to ISIS and Boko Haram is Salman Khurshid, a Congress leader, also a lawyer who asked the court in 2019 to reconsider its 1995 decision. Now, is Khurshid just equating the philosophy of Hindutva to the ideology of ISIS or Boko Haram? Or is he mocking the Supreme Court for expounding the ISIS-like Hindutva as the ethos, culture and way of life of India? Interesting questions which the Indian discourse is unfortunately ignoring.

### Convergent threesome

Khurshid's party colleagues P Chidambaram, a better known lawyer and Digvijaya Singh, a better known leader, were at his book release event. They are an ideologically convergent threesome. Khurshid defended the terrorist outfit Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI), banned by both the Vajpayee and Manmohan governments, in courts to get it declared as a peaceful outfit, and also wanted the Hindutva judgment uprooted. Chidambaram, a better legal brain, used it as the Home Minister to fabricate the idea of

**In 1995, the Supreme Court ruled that Hindutva had an expansive meaning and inclusive content and was not religious. The judgment rested on past SC rulings**

Hindu terror as an equivalent to Islamic terror. Digvijaya Singh had been endeavouring to create and sustain the image of Hindu terror for long. The three gentlemen share the view that either terror has no religion, or if it has, Hindu terror has to be innovated to give company to Islamic terror. Khurshid's book now attempts to upgrade the idea of Hindu terror from local to global status by equating the Hindutva movement in India with ISIS and Boko Haram. Now look at what ISIS and Boko Haram are, with which Khurshid compares the Hindutva movement.

### ISIS and Boko Haram

The ISIS claims to be the inheritor of the Islamic Caliphate founded by the earliest Islam to which it mandates the world's Muslims should owe loyalty. According to the US think tank Wilson Center, ISIS divides the world as Muslims on the one side and non-Muslim Kufrs on the other, led by America, Russia and Jews. It celebrates "terrorism as worship of Allah as He ordered" Muslims. The Islamic Networks Group (ING) lists murdering innocents, persecuting Christians and Yazidis, forced conversions, human torture and mutilation of bodies, oppression of women, sex slavery, concubinage, harsh punishments as ISIS' pastime in its endeavour to establish global Islamic rule. According to *Statista.com* ISIS has killed, between 2013 and 2018, over 28,000 innocents. The *Quint.com* reported in 2018 that ISIS holds some 3,000 women and girls as sex slaves and gifts them to foreign fighters. Good looking girls of the small Yazidi community of 4,00,000 are its first choice as sex slaves. An *NBC* report of 2015 says some 1,100 ISIS sex slaves are living in Germany.

Now come to Boko Haram. The Nigerian jihadi group wants to eliminate fake Muslims and establish true Islamic state in Nigeria. *Reuters* reported in 2015 that 2.3 million people were displaced by Boko Haram, and some 2,50,000 people ran away from Nigeria as refugees. *The Independent* reported in the same year that in 2014 alone some 6,600 were killed by Boko Haram. It is with terror outfits with such a record that Khurshid compares the democratic and electoral movement for Hindutva.

In 2016, 21 years later, a seven-judge bench of the Court refused to reconsider the Hindutva decision. In 2019, Khurshid moved the court to refer the Hindutva ruling to a five-judge bench, but failed. Having failed in the court, he has now written a book equating Hindutva with ISIS and Boko Haram. Is it an attack on Hindutva or on the court that approved Hindutva?

### SC views on Hindutva date back to 1960s and 1970s

The Hindutva judgment was not shaped by politics. It was rendered when its opponent, the Congress party, was in power and its exponent, the BJP, was in opposition. Hindutva entered the Indian political domain in 1991 to be precise, when the BJP and Shiv Sena had included it as their philosophic mascot in election manifestos. Their elections were challenged on the ground that Hindutva constituted a religious, communal appeal. This forced the Supreme Court to answer whether Hindutva was religious and communal.

In 1995, the Court ruled that Hindutva had an expansive meaning and inclusive content and was not religious. But the verdict that Hindutva was dominantly the way of life, culture and ethos of India was not an innovation by the court in 1995. It rested on a series of past Constitutional bench decisions of the Court on what Hinduism meant, including a remarkable judgment by the famous Justice Gajendragadkar in 1966 and the landmark decision in 1976 by a Constitution bench consisting of Chief Justice A N Ray, Jaswant Singh, M H Beg, P N Shinghal, R S Sarkaria.

The 1976 case had called for a judicial probe into the Hindu philosophy to decide whether a Hindu family consisting of a Christian wife and child could be regarded as a Hindu undivided family. In a path-breaking verdict, quoting precedents, the Court ruled that, Hinduism being not limited to religion, a Hindu undivided family could have Christian members — a most liberal decision indeed in the world of hostile religious ideologies. The court quoted the global literature, *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, to support its ruling on Hinduism.

### Not religious, civilisational

*Encyclopaedia Britannica* makes nine profound points about Hinduism. One, Hinduism incorporates all forms of belief and worship without selecting or eliminating any; two, the Hindu, inclined to revere the divine in every manifestation, is doctrinally tolerant, leaving others — both Hindus and non-Hindus — to follow whatever creed and worship suit them best; three, a Hindu may embrace a non-Hindu religion without ceasing to be a Hindu; four, the Hindu is disposed to regard other forms of worship, strange gods, and divergent doctrines as inadequate rather than wrong or objectionable; five, the Hindu tends to believe that the highest divine powers complement each other for the well-being of mankind; six, the Hindu considers few religious ideas to be finally irreconcilable; seven, the core of Hinduism does not even depend on the existence or non-existence of God or on whether there is one God or many; eight, since religious truth is said to transcend all verbal definition, it is not conceived in dogmatic terms in Hinduism; and nine, Hinduism is both a civilisation and a conglomerate of religions, with no beginning, no founder, no central authority, no hierarchy, and no organisation. Besides the 1976 decision, the 1995 decision pointed out that even in the Constitution (Art 25), the word Hindu includes Buddhists, Jains and Sikhs, implying that Hindu is not just a religious term.

The 1995 ruling also relied on the philosopher-statesman Dr S Radhakrishnan and historian Arnold Toynbee to hold Hinduism is not a religion. Toynbee said: "Hinduism takes it for granted that there is more than one valid approach to truth and to salvation and that these different approaches are not only compatible with each other, but are complementary." This matches with the first six points in *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. According to Dr Radhakrishnan, Hindu had originally a territorial and not a credal significance, and implied residence in a well-defined geographical area. Aboriginal tribes, savage and half-civilised people, the cultured Dravidians and the Vedic Aryans were all Hindus as they were the sons of the same mother. For him, the Hindu is a civilisational idea.

The 1995 Hindutva ruling also quoted from justices Bharucha and Ahmedi in the 1994 Ayodhya demolition case. They had said, "Hinduism is a tolerant faith. It is that tolerance that has enabled Islam, Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism to find shelter and support upon this land." If Hinduism were just a religion, would it have sheltered other aggressive religions and helped them to grow? How can the Hindutva ruling, which rests on such undisputed and unalterable philosophical, historical, factual and legal grounds, be intellectually disputed or legally reviewed?

**In his Glimpses of World History (1935), Jawaharlal Nehru had said, "It (is) not easy....to draw a line between Hindu nationalism and true nationalism"**

### Hindutva and Hinduism not different

Wayanad Congress MP Rahul Gandhi keeps parroting that 'Hinduism and Hindutva are not the same, Hinduism is good but Hindutva is bad.' Obviously he hasn't read the Supreme Court judgments of 1966, 1976 on Hinduism, on the basis of which it had rendered its Hindutva judgment in 1995. Rahul cannot be aware that even his great grandfather Jawaharlal Nehru had once held the same views as the Supreme Court now. In his *Glimpses of World History* (1935) Nehru even accepted the concept of Hindu nationalism. He had said, "It (is) not easy....to draw a line between Hindu nationalism and true nationalism. The two overlap as India is the only home of Hindus and they form a majority there" (p 720). And he went on to say, "A famous disciple of Ramakrishna's was Swami Vivekananda, who very eloquently and forcibly preached the gospel of nationalism. This was not in any way anti-Muslim or anti anyone else. Vivekananda's nationalism was Hindu nationalism, and it had its roots in Hindu religion and culture" (p 507). Nehru had no objection to Vivekananda's Hindu nationalism. Writing later in the *Foreign Affairs* magazine (January 1937), Nehru emphasised that the "Indian background and unity is essentially cultural; not religious in the narrow sense of the word" — exactly what the Supreme Court had said in 1995. That Nehru changed his mind later, cannot retroactively alter the facts.

Maharishi Aurobindo had said in his famous Uttarpara speech that India will live as long as Hinduism and Sanatana Dharma will. Mahatma Gandhi said in his fundamental text *Hind Swaraj* written in 1909, in which he refused to change a comma or full stop as late as in 1940, that Sethu in the South, Jangannath in the East and Hardwar in the North and sacred rivers brought about the unity of India. There was broad convergence among Vivekananda, Gandhi, Nehru, Aurobindo on the Hindu character of India. It was blatant pseudo secular, minority appeasement vote bank politics that distorted the Hindu cultural foundation of India.

**QED:** Even his party colleague Ghulam Nabi Azad rejects Khurshid's atrocious book equating Hindutva with ISIS! As Khurshid has equated Hindutva approved by the Supreme Court to ISIS, here is the question to him: Is the Supreme Court an ISIS accomplice, Mr Khurshid?

# Fencing Myanmar border priority: Manipur CM

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

A day after militants came from Myanmar and carried out a deadly ambush on an Assam Rifles convoy in Manipur's Churachandpur district, the state's Chief Minister, N Biren Singh, said the government would expedite fencing the porous international border.

"We share a 398-km border with Myanmar. Given the sensitivity, the home ministry has started fencing work in vulnerable areas. It will be the priority of the state government and the Centre to fence the porous border to avoid such incidents," Singh told journalists after visiting six injured personnel in a hospital in Imphal. He said the border fencing work was going on at a stretch of 40 km and that it had stopped at some places due to disputes.

Singh condemned the attack and said he had passed instructions to the state's home department and paramilitary forces to nab the perpetrators, so that they could be punished as per the law. Sounding a warning to militants, he said the state government would not compromise with such acts.

Colonel Viplav Tripathi, who was the commanding officer of 46 Assam Rifles, his wife, their six-year-old son and four personnel were killed in the ambush carried out jointly by the People's Liberation Army and the lesser-known Manipur Naga People's Front. The incident took place at Thinghat, around 20 km from the Myanmar border, when the victims were returning after visiting a forward camp in the Singhat sub-division of Churachandpur.

Col Tripathi hailed from Chhattisgarh. The four other slain personnel were from Assam, Nagaland, West Bengal and Rajasthan. Their mortal remains will be flown to their respective states on Monday.

Security forces launched a massive manhunt for the insurgents responsible for the attack. A senior army official did not rule out a cross-border operation by the security forces.

Manipur Chief Minister Biren Singh pays floral tributes to the martyrs | PTI

**FINAL FAREWELL OF SLAIN COLONEL TODAY**

Raipur: Last rites of Army Colonel from Chhattisgarh killed in the Manipur ambush on Saturday will be performed with state honours in Raipur on Monday. Owing to bad weather, the bodies of Colonel Viplav, his wife and son will reach the Chhattisgarh capital in the evening.

# TMC on the front foot to establish national footprint

## Nominating ex-Goa CM and Assam Cong defector to RS reveals Mamata's poll plan

RICHA SHARMA @New Delhi

TRINAMOOL Congress leader and former Goa Chief Minister Luizinho Falerio being nominated to the Rajya Sabha soon after the elevation of new entrant and former Congress leader from Assam Sushmita Dev to the upper house of the Parliament is seen as a pre-poll move to give the party a national look by chief **Mamata Banerjee** eyeing the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

According to a senior Trinamool Congress leader, bringing UP Congress leader Lalitesh Pati Tripathi on board is also part of the larger poll plan to remain relevant in national narrative, said a senior party leader. "Mamata hopes of pitting a challenge against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2024. Besides, the TMC has been working full swing for the Goa polls early next year," the leader said.

Sources said that if Mamata has to take on the Modi government, she has to be part of the narrative and one of the ways is being proactive electorally.

"The next election in Bengal is in 2026. And if Mamata *di* should mean business, then her party must have a greater presence in all future elections. TMC contesting in a big way in Goa 2022, its plans to expand reach within other poll-bound states and getting Lalitesh Pati Tripathi in Uttar Pradesh are all part of this strategy. The party is working hard to connect with people in Tripura with elections due in 2023 and closely will follow the Lok Sabha elections in 2024," said the leader. If Mamata *di* wants to be a national leader, the TMC has to be part of all future elections, said the leader.

Lalitesh Pati Tripathi, being the grandson of former veteran Congress leader and former UP CM Kamlapati Tripathi, is a big bet for the party in UP.

Incidentally, Falerio and Dev's Rajya Sabha role come after sitting members Manas Ranjan Bhunia and Arpita Ghosh were asked to resign to make way for non-Bengali faces in the Parliament representing TMC.

# Maoist regroup feared after arrest of leader

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

AT a time when law enforcing agencies arrested CPI (Maoist)'s second-in-command Prashanta Bose alias Kishanda and neutralised 26 rebels in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli in past 48 hours, West Bengal police are fearing that the outlawed outfit's members are regrouping in Junglemahal, a backward region in the state.

With the recovery of two land mines, which were manufactured very recently and capable of blowing up a vehicle, from Lalgarh in the erstwhile hotbed of the rebel outfit in Jhargram district, which witnessed large-scale bloodbath between 2008 and 2011 and killing of several CPI(M) activists, police officials suspect the banned organisation already recruited its foot-soldiers silently while lying low since the past one decade.

''Taking advantage of Covid-19 pandemic, many outsiders entered the area and organised health camps in the remote pockets located inside deep forests. We suspect many of them are members of Maoist's frontal organisations who entered the area in the disguise of social workers and reunited their ground-level strength. During Durga Puja, we noticed many unknown faces roaming in the villages,'' said an official of the state intelligence branch.

The West Bengal police also arrested an ideologue of CPI (Maoist) from Birbhum district recently.

The Maoists have been maintaining silence since their leader Koteshwar Rao alias Kishanji, who was also a politburo member of the outfit, was gunned down in November, 2011, six months after the change of political guard in West Bengal and Mamata Banerjee became the chief minister of the state.

# Delhi scribes detained by Assam cops

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

DELHI-BASED women journalists Sammriddhi K Sakunia and Swarna Jha, booked in Tripura on various charges including criminal conspiracy, were detained in Assam's Karimganj on Sunday hours after checking out of a hotel in Tripura's Dharmanagar.

"We have been detained at Nilambazar police station, Karimganj. We were informed by the officer in-charge that SP of Gomti District (in Tripura) gave the orders for our detention," Sakunia tweeted.

They work for the media house HW News Network. In a statement, it said the "Assam Police says our journalists will be taken back to Tripura for further questioning despite police allowing them to leave the hotel and giving seven days' notice to record a statement. This is sheer harassment and targeting of the press on the part of Tripura Police and Tripura Govt to suppress us from reporting facts."

After a supporter of a right wing outfit lodged an FIR against the duo in Tripura on Saturday, they were booked under IPC sections 120(B) (criminal conspiracy), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, residence, language, etc, and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony) and 504 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace).

The complainant, Kanchan Das, alleged in his FIR they had visited houses of one community in a village under Fatikroy assembly constituency and made inciting comments. They were visiting the state to cover the recent violence.

**EXPRESS READ**

### Maha curfew extended to 4 towns

Amravati: The curfew in Maharashtra's Amravati city in the backdrop of incidents of stone-pelting, from two days ago, was expanded on Sunday to include four more towns in the district. The violence escalated after local BJP leaders staged protests during the bandh called on Saturday in response to the stone pelting, police said. Meanwhile, a total of 50 people were arrested. On Sunday, Amravati remained peaceful with deployment of State Reserve Police Force, district guardian minister Yashomati Thakur said.

### Only veg in trains to holy places

New Delhi: In a first for the Indian Railways in promoting vegetarian-friendly tourism, many trains originating from different parts of the country to holy places will soon get 'Sattvik' certification, along with facility to provide vegetarian foods on-board. The Sattvik Council of India, which claims to be world's first in pioneering vegetarian food and lifestyle, has joined hands with IRCTC (Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation) for promoting Vegetarian Friendly Railway Services (VGRS).

### *Low turnout in Nehru event irks Cong*

New Delhi: The Congress on Sunday lashed out at the Centre after Rajya Sabha chairman, Lok Sabha speaker and cabinet ministers skipped the traditional function to mark the birth anniversary of country's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru at the Parliament's Central Hall. Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge with other party leaders attended the event, while Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla, Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu and ministers from the Modi cabinet gave the event a miss. Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to Twitter to pay tributes to Nehru on his birth anniversary. Reacting to it, Trinamool Congress leader Derek O'Brien also hit out at the government.

**'SCRAP LIQUOR BAN'**

The Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC) has once again urged the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government in Bihar to end liquoe prohibition in the state

4 INDIANS KILLED IN NEPAL ROAD MISHAP

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| Chennai | 31 | 25 | Port Blair | 27 | 23 |
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# UP acronym politics gets a bitter JAM taste

Akhilesh returns Amit Shah's jibe connecting Jinnah with SP by linking the saffron party with lies, ego and inflation

**NAMITA BAJPAI** @ Lucknow

IN a strong retort to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's JAM jibe, Samajwadi Party (SP) chief and former UP chief minister Akhileskh Yadav on Sunday said BJP's JAM stands for "*Jhoot* (lies), *Ahankar* (Ego) and *Mehengai* (Inflation)."

The SP leader was speaking to media persons in Kushinagar during the third leg of his Vijay Rath Yatra which was kicked off on Saturday from CM Yogi Aditynath's bastion Gorakhpur.

On Saturday, Shah claimed in Azamgarh during a public rally that while PM Modi brought JAM, based on Jandhan accounts, Aadhaar and Mobile, to eradicate corruption from the system, there was also an SP's JAM meaning Jinnah, Azam Khan and *Mukhtar*.

Reacting to this, Akhilesh said: "They gave a new acronym — JAM. It does not work in diabetes. Samajwadi people have also defined JAM, the BJP's JAM stands for *Jhoot*, *Ahankar* and *Mehengai*. Nobody lies more than the BJP. They have sent JAM, we will soon send butter for them."

Lending support to farmers, Akhilesh said: "The BJP has brought three oppressive farm laws owing to which many farmers have lost their lives and a protest has been going on for almost a year now, but the BJP doesn't care."

Taking credit for the recently inaugurated Kushinagar airport, the SP chief said it was a brainchild of his government. "Someone may call us backward but we are forward with our thoughts. We think of development despite being backward and they (BJP) think backward despite being of upper caste," he said.

"Today UP is at the forefront of custodial deaths. *Thoko raj* is going on. Sensitive policing is needed. If Baba Yogi (CM) doesn't know how to operate a laptop, then how will he do smart policing?" he added.

If the BJP gets one more chance, it will crush the Constitution, claimed the SP chief.

Akhilesh Yadav during the 'Samajwadi Vijay Yatra' in Kushinagar on Sunday; Chief Minister Yogi Aditiyanath at Vaishya Vyapari Sammelan in Lucknow | PTI

## Yogi calls Akhilesh Taliban supporter, says Samajwadi chief eulogises Jinnah

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @Lucknow

HITTING out at SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath accused him of being a "Taliban supporter" as he "eulogised Jinnah".

"Those who support Muhammad Ali Jinnah, in a way support the Taliban," said the CM while attacking the Opposition at a social conference organised by the BJP to strengthen its ground force ahead of the 2022 UP Assembly elections.

At the Vaishya Sammelan in Lucknow, Adityanath called Sardar Patel a "hero" and Jinnah a "villain". "Today those who are supporting Jinnah to gain power are supporting the Taliban in a way and these people must be avoided because they can go to any level for power. The Opposition does not have an issue, so they want to insult Sardar Patel. The national hero Patel is on one side and Jinnah, who divided the nation, is on the other. These people support Jinnah, we support Patel," said the CM, adding that supporting the Taliban means "insulting women and Lord Buddha".

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> Yogi Adityanath, Chief Minister

Cautioning against the opposition parties and listing out his government's achievements, the CM said: "One has to be careful with such people. BJP has done what it said. Article 370 from Kashmir was removed. Today a grand Ram temple is being built in Ayodhya. Before 2014, the benefit of housing scheme was available to those who were close to the people in power, but today the poor are being given housing without any discrimination.

Adityanath claimed the country was "deceived by calling Alexander, 'the great'". "However, he was defeated by Chandragupta Maurya. Yet historians are silent on this. People have forgotten that there is a reaction for every action. Twenty years ago in Afghanistan, the Taliban blew up the Buddha's statue with a cannon, because they wanted to hurt the soul of India."

**CONG WILL FIGHT ALL 403 SEATS SOLO: PRIYANKA**

Lucknow: The Congress will not enter into an alliance with any political party and contest all the 403 seats in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh polls on its own, party leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra announced on Sunday. A tweet from the Uttar Pradesh unit of the Congress said Priyanka Gandhi made the declaration on the plea of the party workers. Ruling out an electoral tie-up in Uttar Pradesh, the Congress general secretary said the leaders of the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bahujan Samaj Party (SP) were nowhere to be seen even when the 2017 Unnao rape case and the Hathras gangrape-and-murder case in 2020 rocked the country, adding that only the Congress was fighting for the people.

PERFORMANCE RATING

# Cabinet reshuffle in Maharashtra likely after BMC elections

**SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI** @ Mumbai

A reshuffle of the Maharashtra Cabinet is on the cards. The bigger question for Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray and NCP chief Sharad Pawar is whether the rejig should be done before or after the BMC polls in February next year.

The Maha Vikas Aghadi government will complete two years at the end of this month. Although the BJP has been trying every trick in the book to topple the government, the alliance of Shiv Sena, Congress and NCP has not broken yet.

"Now, the time has come to show the door to the non-performing ministers and induct fresh faces. The chief minister and the NCP chief have had a series of meetings on Cabinet expansion matters. Both are ready to have it before the BMC elections. However, Congress has conveyed that the Cabinet reshuffle should be done after the BMC polls," said a senior NCP minister who requested anonymity.

Congress sources said there are two — school education minister Varsha Gaikwad and fisheries minister Aslam Sheikh — from the party in the Cabinet. They need to keep both until the BMC polls. "Shortly before the crucial polls, no Congress minister will be replaced because it will send a wrong message to cadre and people. Once elections are over, on the basis of performance, a decision will be taken," said a Congress minister close to Gandhi family.

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In NCP, there is talk that those who are not enthusiastic enough to run ministries or are unable to do justice to their portfolio will be replaced. "Pawar has monthly meetings with our ministers where their performance and people's feedback are reviewed. The performing ministers will be given more responsibility. The party has been preparing a report card for each minister," the NCP leader said.

As far as Shiv Sena is concerned, forest minister Sanjay Rathod has resigned and that post has to be filled up. "Besides, there should be exchange of ministries after review of performance. Chief Minister Thackeray will take the final call," said a Sena leader.

## *Sood's sister to fight Punjab polls*

CHANDIGARH: Actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood on Sunday said his sister Malvika is joining politics, but added he has no such plans for himself. Malvika later said she will contest the 2022 Punjab Assembly polls from Moga. Sood, who is from Moga district, said his sister has done a lot of amazing work in the past. "We today officially want to say that Malvika will certainly come to serve Punjab," the actor said, addressing the media. About joining any political party, Sood said no decision has yet been taken in this regard.

# Ladakh leaders announce agitation for statehood, land & job protection

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

TWENTY-SEVEN months after the abrogation of articles 370 and 35A by the Centre, the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) — representing political, religious, trading and student groupings and civil society members in the two districts of Kargil and Leh in Ladakh Union Territory — have announced a mass agitation to press for statehood, land and job protection to locals, two Lok Sabha seats and a Rajya Sabha seat and filling up of all vacant posts in the region.

KDA co-chairman Qamar Ali Akhoon told this newspaper that in August the Centre had told the LAB and KDA leaders to form a joint committee so that it can talk to them to resolve the issues.

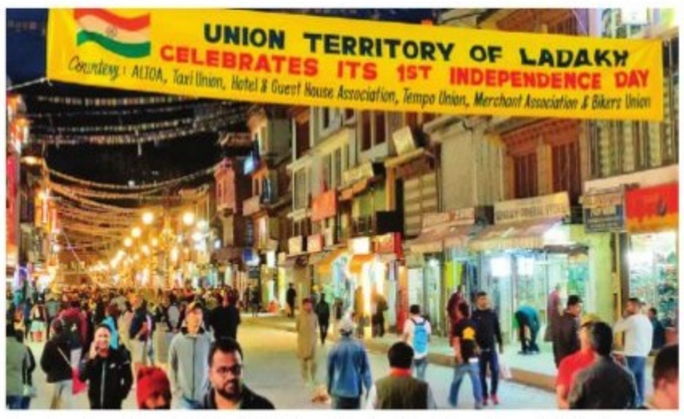
"Even after the formation of a joint committee by LAB and KDA, the Centre hasn't invited the leaders for talks and shown any seriousness in resolving our concerns," he said.

Akhoon said complete shutdown will be observed in Ladakh region on December 6 to press the Centre to fulfil their demands. He said both LAB and KDA demanded that the Centre should grant statehood with legislature to Ladakh so that Ladakhis could govern the Ladakhis and make rules.

"We also demand constitutional safeguards on the pattern of 6th Schedule to protect the land and job rights of local population. We also want safeguards to protect our culture and environment. Ladakh should be given two Lok Sabha seats instead of the present one and also given one Rajya Sabha seat," he said.

LAB president Thupstan Chhewang said they would launch a door-to-door campaign to mobilise people and struggle for the present and future generations of Ladakh.

While Kargil had opposed abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A and bifurcation of J&K state into two Union Territories, people in Leh had celebrated the move. With LAB now joining hands with KDA for fighting for constitutional safeguards, it is a complete turnaround for people of Leh and a shot in the arm for Kargil people.


UNION TERRITORY OF LADAKH
CELEBRATES ITS 1ST INDEPENDENCE DAY
Courtesy : ALTOA, Taxi Union, Hotel & Guest House Association, Tempo Union, Merchant Association & Bikers Union

People and parties in Leh had initially celebrated the bifurcation of J&K and scrapping of Articles 370 and 35A | TWITTER

# Bypoll defeat sharpens factionalism in Raj BJP

**RAJESH ASNANI** @ Jaipur

THE battle for leadership in Rajasthan BJP has intensified after the party's embarrassing defeat in recent by-elections. A recent statement by Vasundhra Raje loyalist and former BJP state president Ashok Parnami has sharpened the factionalism in the party's state unit.

Talking to media on Friday, Parnami claimed the next Assembly election would be fought under the leadership of former chief minister Vasundhara Raje. However, this claim angered many in the anti-Raje camp which even pushed BJP state in-charge Arun Singh to express his displeasure over Parnami's statement. Meanwhile, senior party leader from RSS camp and leader of opposition in the Rajasthan Assembly, Gulab Chand Kataria has asked why Raje was missing from recent bypoll campaigns.

**ATTACK OVER ABSENCE FROM CAMPAIGN**

Senior BJP leader Gulab Chand Kataria attacked Raje directly over her absence from bypoll campaigns. "In our party, the idea is to not revolve only around one person. The party is run by collective decisions."

Parnami's statement came during his visit to Banswara for a meeting with supporters of the Raje camp. Replying to queries about keeping Raje away from the party's bypoll campaign, Parnami said: "It is a matter to be decided at the party level. A review of the performance is going on. The Scindia family has a big contribution to building the party and the party will not keep Raje away from the elections."

But, as soon as he felt his statement could create difficulties for him, Parnami handled the conversation more responsibly like a soldier of the party. He remarked, "The parliamentary board will decide the name of the CM candidate." When asked whether the Raje camp would fight the next polls against the BJP, he said, "The issue of Raje's faction holding a separate event is being misinterpreted. She is, and will, continue to be of the BJP."

BJP's state in-charge, Arun Singh, however, expressed displeasure over Parnami's remarks and said, "I have not seen the statement. I will talk to him and I think they should not say such things in public."

After the bypolls, the ongoing tussle between Raje, who is the tallest leader of BJP in Rajasthan, and the state unit led by Satish Poonia has sharpened. Though Raje was made star campaigner, she had kept herself away from campaigning.

EXPRESS READ

**100 pilgrims stranded at Attari border**

Chandigarh: Around 100 Hindus from Pakistan, including 57 children are, stranded at Integrated Check Post at Attari for the past 50 days. They are residents of Sindh province and West Punjab. Most of them had come to India on pilgrimage before lockdown was imposed in March last year due to the Covid pandemic.

# Order to sell bags peeves teachers

**MUKESH RANJAN** @ Ranchi

GOVERNMENT teachers in Jharkhand are in a fix. An order has been issued, directing them to make arrangements to sell jute bags that come with the ration for midday meals. Already overburdened with election duties, field surveys, vaccination drive and more non-teaching jobs, teachers are demanding they should be used for teaching only.

Jharkhand Midday Meal Authority issued the order.

"We have been raising our voice since long that teachers be freed from the responsibility of mid-day meal as it comes under the jurisdiction of school management committee," said Bajrang Prasad, spokesperson of Jharkhand Pragatisheel Sikshak Sangh.

However, education minister Jagarnath Mahato said this should not affect teaching. "This is no big deal. Empty bags are kept in the school. They just have to keep a record of those, sell them at a rate fixed by the government and deposit the amount in the account of Saraswati Vahini Sanchalan Samiti," he said.

### Tibetan activist Tenzin Tsundue on a mission

To create more awareness on the 70 years of Chinese occupation of Tibet, its impact on the Indian Himalayas and the growing Chinese security threats on India, Tenzin Tsundue, a Tibetan writer and activist based in Dharmashala, Himachal Pradesh, has embarked on a journey of the five Indian Himalayan states of Ladakh, Himachal, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. "We screen the film 'Escape of the Dalai Lama from Tibet', produced by Mumbai-based Rangrez Films for Epic TV channel. We show this 80-minute film in Hindi to wherever possible. This film makes sense of Chinese occupation of Tibet," Tsundue, who was in Guwahati recently, said.

**GUWAHATI** DIARY

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### Water transport network in city gets a boost

Assam government has launched four steel catamaran vessels under a World Bank-funded project in Guwahati to improve quality of inland water transport services in the city. The high-quality passenger and vehicle ferry services were integrated with the state's transport network system. They were flagged off by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma at the Pandu ghat. Of the four vessels, two are plying on the Brahmaputra at Majuli and one each between Guwahati — North Guwahati and Uzanbazar — Umananda ghats. They have a capacity to carry 100 passengers and 50 two-wheelers and are powered by 180 HP twin engines which can speed the vessels to 10 knots. The chief minister also launched an e-ticketing system for the Umananda ferry service.

### Khalsa Centre ensures access to filtered water

The Khalsa Centre North East, known for its efforts to help the needy, has set up a water point on the premises of Dr B Borooah Cancer Institute in Guwahati. It has four water coolers and a geyser which will provide 550 liters of filtered cold and hot water every hour. Talking about the facility, the cancer institute director Dr A C Kataki said it would help patients and their attendants, along with residents of the institute, in a big way. He said it fulfilled a big need of the people as they had to buy water. At the Khalsa Centre langar at the institute, high quality food is provided to everyone once every week.

### Spit in public and face the music

Spitting in public places of Guwahati will now land you in trouble. The Guwahati Municipal Council has warned of action against people found littering the cityscapes through spitting. It has shared four WhatsApp numbers, urging the denizens to post pictures of people littering the city, and announced a reward of `1,000. The civic body took the step as people blatantly indulge in such acts. Just days after a flyover at Dispur, the state's seat of power, was opened, it was found littered all over, including 'wall paintings', especially by those who chew tobacco.

9 injured on Sunday in an avalanche in Nepal's Thisang Rural Municipality

**GLOBAL WEATHER**

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

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People protest against restrictions for unvaccinated in Vienna on Sunday | AFP

# Dozens held after entering Poland from Belarus

**WARSAW**

DOZENS of migrants have been detained after crossing into Poland from Belarus, Warsaw said on Sunday, warning of a possible larger breakthrough ahead of an EU meeting to widen sanctions on Belarus.

Police said on Twitter that 50 migrants had crossed the heavily guarded EU and NATO border near the village of Starzyna "by force" on Saturday.

They were all later detained, the border guard said, adding that they could see signs across the barbed wire on the Belarusian side of "a bigger attempt at crossing the border today".

Thousands of migrants from the West Asia are camped out on the EU-Belarus border, creating a stand-off between the EU and US on one side and Belarus and its ally Russia on the other.

Western countries accuse Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko's regime of engineering the crisis by encouraging migrants to come to Belarus and then taking them to the border.Belarus denies the charges and blames the West.

"If someone thinks that Lukashenko or Belarusians will flinch, then this will not happen," Lukashenko, referring to himself in the third person, said in an interview with a Russian defence journal released on Saturday.

Aid agencies say at least 10 migrants have died so far and have warned of a humanitarian crisis unfolding as temperatures drop below freezing, urging a de-escalation to help the migrants. In the biggest camp, near the village of Bruzgi in Belarus, Belarusian authorities say there are 2,000 people, including pregnant women and children. Belarusian authorities have delivered aid including tents and heaters — a move that could make the camp a semi-permanent presence on the EU's eastern border.

Poland has refused to allow the migrants in and has accused Belarus of preventing them from leaving.

A group of migrants sit in a camp near the Belarusian-Polish border in the Grodno region on Sunday | AFP

# Austria orders those not jabbed to stay home

Move to affect about 2 million; they will be allowed to come out only to buy essential items or seek medical care

**VIENNA**

AUSTRIAN Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg said on Sunday that a nationwide lockdown would begin on Monday for those not vaccinated against Covid-19 or recently recovered, as the EU member fights a record surge in cases.

Around 65 per cent of Austria's almost nine million people are vaccinated, below the EU average of 67 per cent, while daily increases in infections have hit records this week.

"The situation is serious... We don't take this step with a light heart but unfortunately it is necessary," Schallenberg told reporters.

The lockdown means people over 12 who are neither vaccinated nor recently recovered will not be allowed to leave the house except for reasons such as buying essential supplies, exercise or seeking medical care. It will affect about 2 million people in the Alpine country of 8.9 million, the APA news agency reported. Unvaccinated people can be fined up to 1,450 euros ($1,660) if they violate the lockdown. Austria has one of the lowest vaccination rates in Western Europe

The lockdowns across the Alpine country are to be enforced with random spot checks for the next 10 days. After that it will be reviewed, Health Minister Wolfgang Mueckstein said.

Parliament -- controlled by Schallenberg's conservative-Green coalition -- is expected to approve the measure later on Sunday. Schallenberg and Mueckstein called again on those who have not yet been vaccinated to get jabbed.

Also from Monday, Vienna is becoming the first region in the EU to offer jabs to children from the age of five to 11 at a vaccination centre in the capital.

Appointments were booked for more than 5,000 children when registration opened on Saturday, the city said. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has not yet issued an authorisation for any of the vaccines to be used for this age group ,though member states have the right to do so in a public health emergency.

Last week, the government had already said that only those vaccinated against or recovered from the virus would be allowed into restaurants, hotels and cultural venues. So far, some 11,700 people infected with the coronavirus have died in Austria. Daily case increases hit an all-time high of more than 13,000 new infections on Saturday. *Agencies*

# US covered up Syrian strike that killed 70: Report

**NEW YORK**

THE US military covered up a 2019 airstrike on a Syrian town that killed 70 civilians, most of them women and children, a possible war crime, the *New York Times* reported.

The US daily published the results of its investigation on Saturday saying a US special task force

operating in Syria — sometimes leaving its military partners in the dark to preserve secrecy — dropped three bombs on a cluster of civilians near the Islamic State group bastion of Baghouz, killing 70 people, mainly women and children.

The report says a US legal officer "flagged the strike as a possible war crime" but that "at nearly every step, the military made moves that concealed the catastrophic strike."

Central Command (CENTCOM) issued a detailed statement on the strikes and said an investigation found they were "legitimate self-defence strikes," "proportional" and that "appropriate steps were taken to rule out the presence of civilians." An investigation was launched after a military report found there had likely been civilian casualties.

# Hackers breach secure FBI server, sends out e-mails

**WASHINGTON**

FAKE emails purportedly from the US Department of Homeland Security warning of cyberattacks were sent out Saturday from a secure FBI computer server, computer security experts said.

The FBI confirmed independent security group Spamhaus's report that a large number of fake emails were sent in two waves early Saturday from an address on the government's Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal, which is used by multiple government agencies.

Some of the emails, sent in the name of the Homeland Security cyber threat detection group, were headlined: "Urgent: threat actor in systems."

They warned recipients that they were the target of a "sophisticated" hacking attack from a known extortion gang, according to Spamhaus.

Independent cyber security expert Brian Krebs said he, too, had received a fake email from the FBI address, though with a different message.

In a statement, the FBI and the DHS Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency confirmed the incident, without offering details. "The FBI and CISA are aware of the incident this morning involving fake emails from an @ic.fbi.gov email account," they said in a statement. *AFP*

**EXPRESS READ**

### Dubai Air Show opens as global aviation sector recovers

Dubai: Dubai's biennial Air Show opened on Sunday to a world still reeling from the pandemic and an aviation industry hard-hit by the coronavirus, but on the mend. Boeing and Airbus have traditionally been the stars of the aviation trade show, competing for multi-billion-dollar Gulf-based airline purchases and hammering out final details minutes before back-to-back press conferences. This year the exhibition is expected to be much more muted than in past due to the subdued state of travel amid Covid-19

### Four Indians killed in road accident in Nepal

Nepal: Four Indians have died after the vehicle they were travelling in crashed into a pond in southern Nepal's Rautahat district near the border with India, according to a media report on Sunday. The driver and the other occupants of the vehicle are suspected to have been "under influence", *The Himalayan Times* reported quoting police sources. The deceased were all natives of Bihar, identified as Dinanath Sah, 25, Arun Sah, 30, Dilip Mahato, 28, and Amit Mahato, 27. The driver of the vehicle lost control of the car on the Gaur-Chandrapur Road Section in Yamunamai Rural Municipality, swerving into a pond, Superintendent of Police, Rautahat District, Binod Ghimire told *The Himalayan Times*.

# New global observatory to monitor democratic institutions

THE Progressive International, a worldwide coalition of progressive Left-wing activists and organisations, on Sunday launched a global observatory to monitor democratic institutions in countries across the world where democracy is under attack from authoritarian leaders.

The move, hailed as a "response to attacks on democracy across the world" comes ahead of contentious elections in Colombia, Hungary and Brazil.

It follows heavy criticism of attacks on democratic institutions by researchers and parliamentarians, who have documented attempts to capture the courts, spread misinformation, and criminalise dissent by leaders of various countries.

The observatory will operate across the globe and its tasks will include organising international delegations to observe elections in countries with authoritarian leaders, launching investigations of unlawful interventions in the democratic process, building a global network to fight disinformation with findings from research.

"The Observatory launches as attacks on democracy escalate across the world ... authoritarian leaders are getting organised to capture the courts, criminalise opposition, and rig the rules to hold onto power," PI General Coordinator David Adler said.

"The time has come to build ... an institution with the technical skills, legal expertise, and global reach to combat disinformation, to challenge persecution, and to provide real-time defense of democratic institutions," he said. *ENS*


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**APPENDIX-IV-A**

**[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]**

**Notice of 15 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.**

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the provison of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive /Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Vasanthnagar Branch, Bengaluru** concerned branches/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is" basis,** by **Public E-Auction** on **16.12.2021 at 11.00AM To 11.50 PM** for recovery of the dues mentioned below together with future interest and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. Last date for submission of EMD On or before **15.12.2021, within 5.00PM.** The Reserve Price for Property, the earnest money deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., are given below

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| 1 | **1. Mr. Amaresh E B,** No.246/1, 1ST Floor, 9th Cross, N.R.Colony, Near Rama Temple, Bangalore – 560019. **Also at : Mr. Amaresh E.B.** Barclays shares services pvt ltd, DLFIT park, 1/124, Shivaji Gardens Moonlight stop, Madapakkam, Chennai-600089, Tamil Nadu, **Also at: Mr. Amaresh E.B.**S/o Mr. Balakrishna E.B. "Om Shakthi Apartment" Flat No.F-2, B Block, Plot No.123, Sri Krishnagar, 1st Main Road, Chennai – 600095. **2. Mrs. Lakshmi E A,** W/o Amaresh E A, No.246/1, 1ST Floor, 9th Cross, N.R.Colony, Near Rama Temple, Bangalore – 560019. **Also at: Mrs. Lakshmi E A,** W/o Amaresh E A "Om Shakthi Apartment", Flat No.F-2, B Block, Plot No.123, Sri Krishnagar, 1st Main Road, Chennai – 600095. | **Rs. 74,85,462/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Two Only)** | **Rs. 49,20,000/- (Rupees Forty Nine Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)** | **Rs. 4,92,000/- (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Two Thousand only)** | **SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : Schedule 'A' Property: (Description of the Composite Property) :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Katha No.32, Old site Nos. 31, 38, 32 & 37, new PID No.131-W0338-4, Old PID No.39-106-32 & P.I.D.No.39-106-31, situated at 1st Main Road, Nayandahalli South Layout, Bengaluru earlier now has Nayandahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 113+120+120+124/4 = 119.25 feet and North to South: 80 feet, in all totally measuring 9540 sq.ft., carved out of the lands bearing survey Nos. 19/1B, 19/3B, 20/1, 21/2, which are converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose by the special deputy commissioner vide official memorandum (O.M) No.B.DIS.ALN(S) SR(KT)49/2004-05, dated 02.08.2004 and bounded on the:- East by: 25 feet wide cross road, West by: Sai Main road, North by: Site Nos. 33 & 36, South by: Private Property. **Schedule 'B' Property: (Description of the Apartment conveyed through this deed):** All that piece and parcel of the Apartment/ Flat bearing No. G-06 in the Ground floor in the multi storied apartment building called as 'HEXAGON SUBHADRA' put up over the Schedule A Property, containing 3 bed rooms, living room cum kitchen with Two Toilets and balcony and utility having a super built up area of 1440 sq.ft., with vitrified tiles flooring, sanitary fittings and electrical wiring and other facilities with flush doors and with power coated aluminium windows and ventilators main door is solid wood door with teak veneer finish, together with one covered car parking slot in the stilt floor of Schedule A Property. **Schedule 'C' Property: (Description of undivided share conveyed) :** Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the schedule 'A' property equivalent to 395 sq.ft., together with proportionate share in common area such has passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use. |
| 2 | **1. Sri. Kota Dhanunjaya,** S/o Mr. Thippeswamy Kota, No. 12/5, Near TCS Thank Campus, Dodda Nagamangala, Electronic City Phase 2, Bengaluru – 560100. **Also at : Kota Dhanunjaya,** Tech Mahindra limited, AMR tech park, No.23 & 24, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. **2. Sri. Thippeswamy Kota,** No. 12/5, Near TCS Thank Campus, Dodda Nagamangala, Electronic City, Phase 2, Bengaluru – 560100. | **Rs.55,53,181/- (Rupees Fifty Five Lakhs Fifty Three Thousand One Hundred and Eighty One Only)** | **Rs. 46,31,000/- (Rupees Fifty six Lakh Thirty one Thousand Only)** | **Rs. 4,63,100/- (Rupees Four Lakh Sixty Three Thousand One Hundred Only)** | **SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : Schedule 'A' Property: (Description of the Composite Property) :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Katha No.32, Old site Nos. 31, 38, 32 & 37, new PID No.131-W0338-4, Old PID No.39-106-32 & P.I.D.No.39-106-31, situated at 1st Main Road, Nayandahalli South Layout, Bengaluru earlier now has Nayandahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 113+120+120+124/4 = 119.25 feet and North to South: 80 feet, in all totally measuring 9540 sq.ft., carved out of the lands bearing survey Nos. 19/1B, 19/3B, 20/1, 21/2, which are converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose by the special deputy commissioner vide official memorandum (O.M) No.B.DIS.ALN(S) SR(KT)49/2004-05, dated 02.08.2004 and bounded on the:- East by: 25 feet wide cross road, West by: Sai Main road, North by: Site Nos. 33 & 36, South by: Private Property. **Schedule 'B' Property: (Description of the Apartment conveyed through this deed) :** All that piece and parcel of the Apartment/ Flat bearing No. S-02 in the Second floor in the multi storied apartment building called as 'HEXAGON SUBHADRA' put up over the Schedule A Property, containing 3 bed rooms, living room cum kitchen with Two Toilets and balcony and utility having a super built up area of 1315 sq.ft., together with One Covered car parking slot in the stilt floor of Schedule "A" Property together with proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use in A schedule property with undivided share equivalent to 371 sq., ft in schedule A property and bounded on East By: Road, West By: Flat No.S-03, North By: Main Door and Flat No. S-01, South By: Passage thereafter, Pvt. Property. |
| 3 | **1.Mr. G Sateesh Reddy** S/o Sri. Mallikarjuna Reddy Gureddy, No.29, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 3rd Block, VishwaPriya Nagar, Begur Main Road, Bengaluru -560068. **Aslo at:Mr. G Sateesh Reddy, Flipkart Internet Private Limited.** Vaishnavi Summit, Ground Floor, 7th Main, 3rd Block, 80 Feet Road, Koramangala Industrial Layout, Bengaluru-560034. **Also at: Mr. G Sateesh Reddy,** Flat No. F-02, 1st Floor, "HEXAGON SUBHADRA", Khatha No.32, Old Site Nos. 31, 38, 32 and 37, 1st Main Road, Nayandahalli, South Layout, Bengaluru-560039. **2. Mrs. Rachana N,** W/o Mr. G Sateesh Reddy, No.29, 1st Floor, 1st Cross, 3rd Block, VishwaPriya Nagar, Begur Main Road, Bengaluru -560068. **Also at : Mrs. Rachana N,** Flat No.F-02, 1st Floor, "HEXAGON SUBHADRA", Khatha No.32, Old Site Nos. 31, 38, 32 and 37, 1st Main Road, Nayandahalli, South Layout, Bengaluru – 560039. **Also at: Sri. Swamy T,** Flat No. GF-04, Ground Floor, "HEXAGON SUBHADRA", Khatha No.32, Old Site Nos. 31, 38, 32 and 37 1st Main Road, Nayandahalli, South Layout, Bengaluru-560039. | **Rs.57,16,297/- (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Seven Only)** | **Rs. 52,10,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Ten Thousand Only)** | **Rs. 5,21,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty One Thousand only)** | **SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : Schedule 'A' Property: (Description of the Composite Property) :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Katha No.32, Old site Nos. 31, 38, 32 & 37, new PID No.131-W0338-4, Old PID No.39-106-32 & P.I.D.No.39-106-31, situated at 1st Main Road, Nayandahalli South Layout, Bengaluru earlier now has Nayandahalli Village, KengeriHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 113+120+120+124/4 = 119.25 feet and North to South: 80 feet, in all totally measuring 9540 sq.ft., carved out of the lands bearing survey Nos. 19/1B, 19/3B, 20/1, 21/2, which are converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose by the special deputy commissioner vide official memorandum (O.M) No.B.DIS.ALN(S)SR(KT)49/2004-05, dated 02.08.2004 and bounded on the:- East by: 25 feet wide cross road, West by: Sai Main road, North by: Site Nos. 33 & 36, South by: Private Property. **Schedule 'B' Property: (Description of the Apartment conveyed through this deed) :** All that piece and parcel of the Apartment/ Flat bearing No. F-02 in the First floor in the multi storied apartment building called as 'HEXAGON SUBHADRA' put up over the Schedule A Property, containing 3 bed rooms, living room cum kitchen with Two Toilets and balcony and utility having a super built up area of 1315 sq.ft., with vitrified tiles flooring, sanitary fittings and electrical wiring and other facilities with flush doors and with power coated aluminium windows and ventilators main door is solid wood door with teak veneer finish, together with one covered car parking slot in the stilt floor of Schedule A Property together with proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use in A schedule property withundivided share equivalent o 371 sq ft, in A schedule property. |
| 4 | **1. Mr. Shivanandh** S/o Sri. Swamy T, No.1197, 2nd Cross, 20th Main, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru -560068. **Also at: Mr. Shivanandh, Flipkart Internet Private Limited.** Vaishnavi Summit, Ground Floor, 7th Main, 3rd Block, 80 Feet Road, Koramangala Industrial Layout, Bengaluru-560034. **Also at: Mr. Shivanandh,** Flat No. GF-04, Ground Floor, "HEXAGON SUBHADRA", Khatha No.32, Old Site Nos. 31, 38, 32 and 37 1st Main Road, Nayandahalli, South Layout, Bengaluru-560039. **2.Sri. Swamy T** S/o Sri. Thungathurthi, No.1197, 2nd Cross, 20th Main, BTM 1st Stage, Bengaluru -560068. **Also at: Sri. Swamy T,** Flat No. GF-04, Ground Floor, **"HEXAGON SUBHADRA",** Khatha No.32, Old Site Nos. 31, 38, 32 and 37 1st Main Road, Nayandahalli, South Layout, Bengaluru-560039. | **Rs.46,80,716/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixteen Only)** | **Rs. 36.98,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Ninty Eight Thousand Only)** | **Rs.3,69,800/- (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred only)** | **SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : Schedule 'A' Property: (Description of the Composite Property)** : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Katha No.32, Old site Nos. 31, 38, 32 & 37, new PID No.131-106-31, Old PID No.39-106-32 & P.I.D.No.39-106-32, situated at 1st Main Road, Nayandahalli South Layout, Bengaluru earlier now has Nayandahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 113+120+120+124/4 = 119.25 feet and North to South: 80 feet, in all totally measuring 9540 sq.ft., carved out of the lands bearing survey Nos. 19/1B, 19/3B, 20/1, 21/2, which are converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose by the special deputy commissioner vide official memorandum (O.M) No.B.DIS.ALN(S) SR(KT)49/2004-05, dated 02.08.2004 and bounded on the:- East by: 25 feet wide cross road, West by: Sai Main road, North by: Site Nos. 33 & 36, South by: Private Property. **Schedule 'B' Property: (Description of the Apartment conveyed through this deed)** : All that piece and parcel of the Apartment/ Flat bearing No. GF-04 in the Ground floor in the multi storied apartment building called as 'HEXAGON SUBHADRA' put up over the Schedule A Property, containing 2 bed rooms, living room cum kitchen with Two Toilets and balcony and utility having a super built up area of 1050 sq.ft., with vitrified tiles flooring, sanitary fittings and electrical wiring and other facilities with flush doors and with power coated aluminium windows and ventilators main door is solid wood door with teak veneer finish, together with one covered car parking slot in the stilt floor of Schedule A Property. **Schedule 'C' Property: (Description of undivided share conveyed) :** Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the schedule 'A' property equivalent to 296 sq.ft., together with proportionate share in common area such has passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use. |
| 5 | **(1)Sri. Akshay Tiwari,** S/o Mr. VinodTiwar residing at No.516, Jalavayu Towers, Block-5, 1st Floor, Sadananda Nagar, NGEF Layout, Old Madras Road, Bengaluru – 560038. **Also at: Sri. Akshay Tiwari Epiance Software Pvt.** Ltd. MFAR silverline Tech park, 2nd Floor, Plot No.180, EPIP Area, II Phase, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560066. **(2) Smt. Sarika Tiwari,** W/o Sri. Akshay Tiwari, residing at No.516, Jalavayu Towers, Block- 5, 1st Floor, Sadananda Nagar, NGEF Layout, Old Madras Road, Bengaluru – 560038. | **Rs. 48,34,309/- (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Nine Only)** | **Rs. 37,98,000/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Only)** | **Rs. 3,79,800/- (Rupees Three Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Only)** | **SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY : Schedule 'A' Property: (Description of the Composite Property) :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing BBMP Katha No.32, Old site Nos. 31, 38, 32 & 37, New PID No.131-106-31, Old PID No.39-106-32 & P.I.D.No.39-106-31, situated at 1st Main Road, Nayandahalli South Layout, Bengaluru earlier now has Nayandahalli Village, KengeriHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 113+120+120+124/4 = 119.25 feet and North to South: 80 feet, in all totally measuring 9540 sq.ft., carved out of the lands bearing survey Nos. 19/1B, 19/3B, 20/1, 21/2, which are converted from agricultural to non agricultural residential purpose by the special deputy commissioner vide official memorandum (O.M) No.B.DIS.ALN(S) SR(KT)49/2004-05, dated 02.08.2004 and bounded on the:- East by: 25 feet wide cross road, West by: Sai Main road, North by: Site Nos. 33 & 36, South by: Private Property. **Schedule 'B' Property: (Description of the Apartment conveyed through this deed) :** All that piece and parcel of the Apartment/ Flat bearing No. F-03 in the 1st Floor in the multi storied apartment building called as 'HEXAGON SUBHADRA' put up over the Schedule A Property, containing 2 bed rooms, living room cum kitchen with Two Toilets and balcony and utility having a super built up area of 1070 sq.ft., with vitrified tiles flooring, sanitary fittings and electrical wiring and other facilities with flush doors and with power coated aluminum windows and ventilators main door is solid wood door with teak veneer finish, together with one covered car parking slot in the stilt floor of Schedule A Property. **Schedule 'C' Property: (Description of undivided share conveyed) :** Undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the schedule 'A' property equivalent to 302 sq.ft., together with proportionate share in common area such has passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use. |

**Account bearing No: 074721980050000, in the name of "Vasanthanagar Branch", at Union Bank of India, Vasanthanagar Branch, through IFSC Code: UBIN0907472**

The aforesaid property/ies will be sold by "Online The Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website www.mstcecommerce.com. on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.** by using their mobile number and valid email-id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The interested bidder may contact the Branch Manager of Union Bank of India **Vasanthanagar Branch, Contact No: Ph: 080-22355309/08, for inspection of property and also visit the aforementioned website for ascertaining the details of auction**

**STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002**

This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

**Place: Bengaluru**
**Date: 15.11.2021**

**Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**For Union Bank of India, Vasanth Nagar Branch, Bangalore.**

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## WHAT WE LEARNT ABOUT STOCK MARKETS IN 2021

RAJAS KELKAR

IT was supposed to be a year of a V-shaped recovery. Yes, stock markets are witnessing a surge in prices. However, the pace of recovery is slower than anticipated in 2020.

The demand for goods and services is good but still just about near the pre-pandemic levels. As a result, businesses have yet to announce any significant expansion plans. That is slowing the pace of economic recovery. The Reserve Bank of India is reading the data points like a hawk. The monetary policy committee, which meets once in two months, could tighten the easy money policy in December 2021. A primary reason is a stubborn inflation in the economy, led by rising fuel and food prices. The prolonged period of economic recovery is hurting the committee's ability to rein in inflation. They have to keep the policy stance 'accommodative' and have not changed key borrowing rates since October 2020.

SOUMYADIP SINHA

**The state of your finances**

If you are a regular investor in the equity markets, you are better off than most people in India. Despite a renewed interest in equity markets, only 6% of the households in India are taking any equity exposure. If you invested in index funds or exchange-traded funds, you have managed a return of 38% to 40% for your Nifty or Sensex funds. Actively managed diversified equity funds have done better, and sectoral funds like those linked to the NSE Metal index produced excellent returns in 12 months.

Your investment in gold has generated a negative return as gold prices are lower by almost 5% over last year. Interest rates on your fixed deposits or other savings schemes have stayed the same or trended down. The Reserve Bank of India has left repo rates unchanged over the past year.

**New investors**

A lot of you have opened demat accounts. The year 2020 was an eye-opener for equity investing. Being locked at home meant trying something new for many of you. With over 7.5 crore demat accounts, investors are jumping swiftly from not investing at all to even dabbling in cryptocurrencies or other related assets.

While the number of people having a demat account nearly doubled over the past year, the number of people having a mutual fund portfolio grew by merely 10-15%.

That is a trend that should worry us. The rush towards crypto assets shows the lack of confidence in the traditional financial system. Equity assets are growing steadily, generating a return that is beating the prevailing inflation rate adequately over the long term.

As an investor, you need to review your portfolio regularly. Rushing into something just because someone else has made money is a bad idea. Your investments have to align with your financial goals.

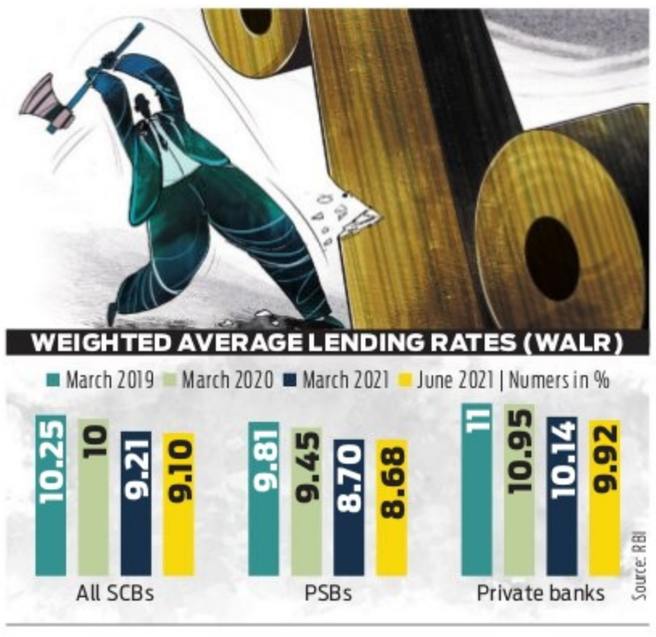
**The road ahead**

The slow pace of recovery means equity markets may not give the same returns as they did over the past twelve months. Institutional investors would closely watch the financial performance of major Indian companies over the next few quarters. They would then review their expectations early in 2022. That would determine the direction for the markets.

Till then, do not expect any runaway rally in equity markets. If you are directly buying equities, you need to continue regular investing instead of investing in a lump sum. Share prices are trading at a record high, and they take into account the economic recovery and profits that the companies would make a year later. Interest rates on your fixed deposits or loans are likely to remain around the current levels even if the RBI makes a minor upward revision in the repo rates. The inflation rate is rising, but it is not likely to go out of hand if one believes the RBI's analysis.

The other factor of concern could be the behaviour of the new investors making a foray into the market. They have entered at a time when share prices are surging. However, their behaviour when the tide turns could be interesting to watch. Any panic selloff in the stock market could bring in price volatility. If you are one of those investors who has recently joined the party, you need to be aware that share prices go down as sharply as they go up.

*(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)*




## Low bank rates: Borrowers yet to see full benefits

Rates on fresh loans have fallen by as much as 215 basis points at the moment

SUNITHA NATTI

FOR most of the existing bank borrowers, the ongoing ultra-low interest rate regime, is like a free lunch not eaten.

That's because, even though the RBI has reduced policy repo rate by 250 bps since February 2019, interest rates on outstanding loans fell barely by 100 bps or thereabouts. Officials say, the transmission is slow as most of the loans including floating rate loans have a reset periodicity of one year and above, delaying the pass-through.

If the Weighted Average Lending Rates (WALR) for all scheduled commercial banks fell from 10.25% as on March, 2019 to 9.10% as on June, 2021 translating to a reduction of 115 bps, for public sector banks, WALR fell by 113 bps, while for private lenders it was 108 bps.

In August, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das noted that repo rate cuts have reduced corporate and household debt, but in reality, the room for further lower EMIs exists by a wide margin. Given that banks took more than two years to reduce rates by about 100 bps on outstanding loans, they may as well take few more quarters to pass on the remaining 115-130 bps repo rate (of the 250 bps) cuts to customers. The question is whether RBI will maintain its accommodative stance that long.

In contrast, bank deposit rates saw a swift and savage reduction, delivering negative returns to savers. But unlike deposits, which are at fixed rates, over 75% of the outstanding loans are at floating rates, which by design, are expected to facilitate monetary transmission. However, transmission to lending rates is impeded due to long maturity profile of long tenor deposits. As much as 76% of floating rate MCLR loans are linked to MCLR of 1 year and above and are reset annually, while just about 16% are linked to MCLR of 3-months tenor. In October 2019, banks have linked all new floating rate loans to the external benchmark, but such loans amount to a fraction as of today.

Transmission to outstanding rupee loans has often been sticky. For instance, when RBI raised repo rate by 50 bps during June-August, 2018 and reduced from February, 2019 onwards, the WALR on outstanding rupee loans continued to rise till July 2019, even after six months the easing cycle began. It means, borrowers who took 10-year floating rate loans benchmarked to the 1-year MCLR with an annual reset periodicity during February-July, 2018, saw their borrowing costs rise (when rates on loans got reset after a year, ie., during February-July, 2019), unlike fresh rupee loans, whose rates fell from March, 2019.

Currently, rates on fresh loans fell by as much as 215 bps and even though borrowing costs have eased, incremental credit growth is in single digits at 5-6%. The biggest setback is credit to large industries, which decelerated 4.9% during the first half of FY22. A year before, the decline stood at a 5.1%, indicating that nothing much changed as far as big-ticket loans are concerned.

Credit to large companies is an important marker, as it accounts for 80% of the total credit to industry. Similarly, within services, NBFCs that account for 34% share in services, and commercial real estate with a share of 9.9% decelerated 6.5% and 3.2% respectively in the first half of FY22. Sadly, the decline is sharper than seen during the pandemic year, when it fell by 4 and 1.7% respectively.

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## REVIEW YOUR HEALTH INSURANCE COVER

That a majority of the even otherwise few Indians who have Health Insurance Cover decide its quantum based on Tax Break Limits, is no secret. With abysmal health insurance penetration across India, even as medical costs are escalating vertically, it makes good sense for the Government to seriously considering at least doubling the Income-Tax break under Section 80D of the Income Tax Act. This could at least spur a few more people to widen their health insurance cover closer to today's ground realities as far as hospitalisation costs are concerned.

For those who remain skeptical of the need for higher health insurance or for that matter, even basic health insurance, there is enough anecdotal evidence of how the hospitalisation bills of several coronavirus-affected patients reportedly ran into several lakhs and in some cases, even over a crore. Even those who had a relatively high health insurance cover found themselves having to pay out of pocket once the cover was exhausted.

The results of a survey undertaken by a private player in the health insurance space last year show prior to the pandemic, barely 10% of those with the means, were interested in health insurance to cover new-age diseases. But since the advent of the fear instilled by the pandemic, 71% started considering health insurance a necessity.

Notably, and almost overnight, 57% of those surveyed claimed to understand the importance of comprehensive health insurance plans. The survey also suggested that with the advent of the pandemic, the top three concerns in the minds of people became, family members contracting the disease, risk of job loss and mental anxiety.

One of our clients took a serious re-look at his existing Health Insurance Cover and 'Ported' his existing Cover which suddenly seemed woefully inadequate to Manipal Cigna which also facilitated a multi-fold expansion in his base cover. As a matter of extreme prudence, he also chose a Super Top-Up at a marginal Cost from the Max group Insurance Company his wife had her base cover with. He did it vice versa for his wife and now rests assured that his wife and he are, in fact, more than adequately covered for this life-time. Several of our clients too are now in the process of porting and topping up their Health Insurance Cover.

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While there seems to be better awareness about the need for adequate Health Cover, the tendency to defer acting on it till it is too late remains. That amounts to negligence on the part of those who can afford it. By delaying action, one is potentially putting one's family and oneself at high monetary risk at the most inopportune moment.

Thus, there is a very strong case for those without Health Insurance Cover to get one immediately and for those with Cover to have it reviewed by an Expert at the earliest and topped-up, if necessary.

## Global cues, Paytm listing to drive market this week

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ENDING the slow run, Both the benchmark indices - BSE Sensex and Nifty50 made decent gains last week. The BSE Sensex held the 60,000-mark, gaining 619 points, whereas the Nifty50 advanced 186 points to end the week above 18,100.

Going ahead this week, market movement will depend on multiple factors such as Global cues, Paytm Listing and Inflation data.

Santosh Meena, Head of Research, Swastika Investmart Ltd said that market's focus will shift to global cues and Paytm's listing after the Q2 earning session.

"The market is still looking for direction as headline indices Nifty and Sensex are consolidating, however, many pockets beneath the surface are doing well. We were seeing stock-specific movement amid the Q2 earning session and now the market's focus will shift to global cues."

"Global markets are also trading volatile after higher than expected US inflation numbers, however, there is no panic reaction. US dollar index is trading above 95 level and US bond yields are also inching higher that could be a cause of concern," Meena said.

On the domestic front, he added, "we will react to IIP and CPI numbers on Monday where inflation numbers are slightly higher than expectations while IIP numbers are much weaker than expectations. WPI inflation numbers will also be announced on Monday during market hours."

Next week we will see a listing of Policy Bazaar and Sigachi on Monday while Paytm will debut secondary market on 18th November. Tarsons products and Go Fashion, two new IPOs will also open for subscription next week.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services said during the week, the global markets remained highly volatile as inflation fears elevated.

"The US inflation hit a 30-year high level of 6.2% YoY adding fears for an earlier than expected rate hike. The domestic market also followed this trend, however, the momentum regained at the end of the week due to sectors in the market which are least impacted by inflation like IT & others, and volume growth, reforms, supportive monetary policy, good quarterly earnings and strong domestic macro data points."

The domestic investors are awaiting the release of inflation data which is expected in the coming days, Nair added, saying CPI inflation for October is forecasted to remain close to the previous month's level of 4.35% while WPI inflation may increase from the September level of 10.66%.

Similarly, Shrikant Chouhan, Head of Equity Research (Retail), Kotak Securities Ltd., also stated rising global inflation remains a concern. "With the 2QFY22 results season coming towards the end, investor focus will shift towards macro developments. Going ahead, inflation, oil prices, FII flows, and Central Bank policies are some of the key factors directing the markets," said Chouhan.

**TODAY'S STOCK PICK**

Current Price ₹1,689.50

Target Price ₹1,900

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Positive ALM and more than adequate liquidity on the Balance Sheet has helped MUTH access debt capital with relative ease. With an AA+ rating, MUTH will benefit on the cost of funds front. We expect MUTH to deliver loan growth of ~17%/14% in FY22E/FY23E. RoA/RoE is likely to remain robust (6%/23%) over the medium term.

— Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

### Paytm share allocation likely on November 16

NEW DELHI: Digital payments and financial services firm Paytm is likely to allocate shares at the upper price band of ₹2,150 apiece on November 16 after market regulator Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approval which is expected to come on Monday, sources aware of the development said. Earlier the allocation was expected to take place on Monday and the Paytm Money app also displayed the same.

### Funding under PLI for solar mfg to enhance

NEW DELHI: The government will soon enhance the funding under the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the domestic solar cells and module manufacturing to ₹24,000 crore from the existing ₹4,500 crore to make India an exporting nation. In April this year, the Union Cabinet approved a ₹4,500 crore production linked incentive scheme to boost domestic manufacturing capacity of solar PV modules.

## Taxpayers can now access new I-T annual info statement on e-filing portal

THE Income Tax department on Sunday said taxpayers can now access the new Annual Information Statement (AIS), which includes additional categories of information like interest, dividends, securities and MF transactions, and remittances from abroad, on the e-filing portal.

The I-T department had last month expanded the list of high-value financial transactions, which would be available to taxpayers in their Form 26AS by including details of mutual fund (MF) purchases, foreign remittances, as well as information in ITRs of other taxpayers.

Form 26AS is an annual consolidated tax statement that can be accessed from the income-tax website by taxpayers using their Permanent Account Number (PAN).

"AIS provides ease of access! It can be accessed now on the e-filing portal & downloaded easily in downloadable formats of PDF, CSV & JSON (machine-readable format). Click on link 'AIS' under 'Services' tab on http://incometax.gov.in," the Income Tax department said in a tweet.

AIS enables a taxpayer to see and verify taxpayer info available with taxmen, provide feedback in case of discrepancies, view/update the Taxpayer Information Summary (TIS) used for pre-filling of ITR.

The Budget for 2020-21 had announced the revised Form 26AS, giving a more comprehensive profile of the taxpayer, going beyond just the details of tax collected and deducted at source.

Additional information prescribed includes foreign remittance made by any person through an authorised dealer, the breakup of the salary with deductions claimed by the employee, information in ITR of other taxpayers, interest on income tax refund, information published in the statement of financial transactions. *PTI*

**AIS provides ease of access! It can be accessed now on the e-filing portal & downloaded easily in downloadable formats of PDF, CSV & JSON (machine-readable format)...** — I-T department tweeted

## Badosa aces Sakkari test in WTA Finals

Spain's **Paula Badosa** fired 10 aces in a 7-6 (4), 6-4 round-robin victory over Maria Sakkari on Saturday and secured a semifinal spot at the season-ending WTA Finals. With one round-robin match remaining, Badosa was assured of top spot in her group when top-seeded Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus defeated Iga Swiatek 2-6, 6-2, 7-5. Badosa had already posted a convincing victory over Sabalenka earlier.



# AWESTRALIA ALL THE WAY

New Zealand skipper Williamson's 85 in vain as Marsh & Warner hit fifties to help team lift their first T20 World Cup

**WINNING STORY**

Nobody gave them a chance but Australia eased past the Kiwis to clinch their first T20 World Cup crown. A look at how they did it.

**Bully Warner back**

At the IPL, he was first dropped before being ostracised. It seemed like he couldn't buy a run. However, the southpaw has been a proper bully the last three weeks. Taking the attack to the bowlers, not afraid to take on negative match-ups, he finished the event as second highest run-getter.

**Zampa, a new legend**

When Justin Langer & Co. sit to debrief, all of them will like to buy a beer for their leg-spinner. He finished the World Cup as the leading wicket-taker from the Super 12 onwards. Control, execution and picking wickets during clutch moments and variation... he had it all.

**Greater than their parts**

They had come to the World Cup losing five series on the bounce. They had a couple of elite operators in this format — Glenn Maxwell and, to an extent, Mitchell Starc. However, during the course of their seven games, most of the 15 put their hands up and performed. Importantly, they were willing to grind.

**Toss, a big factor**

A lot has been written about the importance of the toss and in the end, Australia showed how to use that advantage. In all, they ended up winning six of seven tosses and ended up winning all of those six games.

**Brief scores:** New Zealand 172/4 in 20 ovs (Williamson 85 n.o, Guptill 28; Hazlewood 3/16) lost to Australia 173/2 in 18.5 ovs (Marsh 77 n.o, Warner 53; Boult 2/18).

**VENKATA KRISHNA B** @Chennai

THIS was a final nobody predicted before the T20 World Cup began. And when New Zealand and Australia made it past the semifinals, it looked good to serve the perfect feast. In a format, where the match-ups occupy a major part of discussion in the drawing board, this Trans-Tasman final was tailor-made. Two evenly-matched sides in terms of bowling resources going head-to-head against two batting line-ups that prefer to go by a template. On paper, Australia were just a little better than the Black Caps, only because their batting had a lot more firepower.

In a tournament where winning the toss was as good as winning the match, the trend continued even in the final. Australia won the toss and went on to lift their maiden men's T20 World Cup trophy as they chased down New Zealan's total (172/4) — the highest in a T20 WC final — by eight wickets under the Ring of Fire at the Dubai International Stadium. In a tournament where slow pitches have made people yawn, the repeated narrative of teams batting second having an edge because of dew factor has only made it worse.

The issue with batting first and scoring more than a par total on this pitch — where it is impossible to work pace on the ball — is batters have found it difficult to move swiftly to fifth gear and keep foot on the pedal. Between New Zealand and Australia, going into the final, the latter had won all their five matches while chasing. The Kiwis had won two matches when they batted first, but both of it were after noon matches and were against Namibia and Scotland. That said, they at least knew the sort of template to follow.

New Zealand don't have depth in the batting. Instead they optimise their resources. Go safely in the powerplay, pick up pace through the middle slowly and explode at the death. Bat first or not, they are team that can score between 155-175. If they bowl first, the job is easy because they have the attack to restrict opposition to a total in this range. In the final, they started slowly and lost Daryl Mitchell in the fourth over and in powerplay had only 32 on board. In a format where dot balls is equivalent to wasting precious resources, they had 25 in the first 10 overs. They even went without a boundary for 32 consecutive deliveries before Kane Williamson hit successive fours off Mitchell Marsh as Kiwis were 57/1 after 10 overs.

On the other hand, Australia were following their own pattern. Their all-round attack gives them enough freedom to rotate their bowlers. Well aware that Kiwis won't go hammer and tongs at the top, Josh Hazlewood bowled three in the powerplay as Aaron Finch rotated Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, Glenn Maxwell, Marsh and Adam Zampa. At the half-way stage, they had limited the damage. And this is when New Zealand broke the shackles after Hazlewood dropped Williamson for 19. The next six overs saw them score 79 runs for the loss of just one wicket as Williamson was elegance personified. Not many can score such beautiful runs and when he was dismissed in the 18th over, he had made 85 off 48 balls after being 15 off 16 at one stage. The Kiwis, however, after reaching 136/2 at the end of 16 overs, added only 36 off the last four overs to end up at 172.

Chasing the target, with dew around, David Warner (51) and Marsh (77 n.o) threw away New Zealand's template in brutal manner as Australia coasted home.

Australia defeated New Zealand by eight wickets in the penultimate over to clinch their maiden T20 World Cup on Sunday | AP

**WHAT THEY SAID...**

**I always felt good, for me it was about going back to basics, getting on some hard, synthetic wickets in order to hit volumes of balls. Definitely up there with 2015 World Cup, losing to England a decade ago really hurt. Always pumped, wanted to put on a spectacle. There were some nerves around as always in a final but great to see the guys deliver.**

David Warner, Australia, Player of the Tournament

**Credit to the way Australia chase it, they didn't give us an inch. Wasn't to be today, but proud of how we've operated. Guys committed to what we tried to do in venues that varied a lot. There was a lot of heart shown, always nice to get to the big dance. But credit to Australia again. Some high hopes coming in, some good cricket played, so we're feeling it a bit. There are only two possible outcomes, shame we couldn't get the job done.**

Kane Williamson, NZ captain

## Indian connection to Finch & Co's run in desert

**FIROZ MIRZA** @Chennai

COMING into the T20 World Cup, Australia were not among the favourites. The reason: they had lost five consecutive series including one against Bangladesh and West Indies before the marquee event. Despite their below-par outings since February 2020 when they last won a T20I series in South Africa, Pradeep Sahu, former Haryana Ranji player, was confident of Australia's chances in the tournament.

The confidence came from his close association with the Aussies over the past three years and their reputation while competing in the ICC meets. Sahu, who has played for Rajasthan and Punjab franchises in the IPL, had worked as a net bowler and then assistant coach for Australia from 2018 to March 2020 before the Covid-19 pandemic halted sporting activities across the globe last year.

"Sridharan Sriram, also a part of Australia's support staff, introduced me to the team before their series against Pakistan in UAE. After that, I stayed with them for the India series and a few more series thereafter. I was made assistant coach during the 2019 World Cup where Australia finished semi-finalists," Sahu told this daily from Mumbai.

Sahu's primary role, who bowls legbreak googly, was to help Australian batters negotiate spinners effectively. "I used to watch videos of tweakers from teams they were scheduled to face and bowl them at nets keeping these bowlers in mind. Ahead of the series against India in early 2019, I worked extensively with Glenn Maxwell, who was being troubled by leg spinners often. Yuzvendra Chahal was quite successful against him till then. So we decided to avoid hitting Chahal through long on or mid-wicket areas. We decided that if he bowls slow deliveries then it will be hit in cover region and if he bowls with some speed, he will cut it. The strategy worked as Maxwell scored a fifty and an unbeaten century in the two-match T20I series, which Australia won in India," added Sahu.

Pradeep Sahu(L) with Glenn Maxwell

The 36-year-old Haryana cricketer, who has shifted his base to Mumbai and plays club cricket in the city since 2013, said the Australia wanted him with the team for the T20 World Cup but was not able to get an accreditation for him because of support staff limit due to Covid-19. "Coach Justin Langer spoke to me as I was already in a bubble with Kolkata Knight Riders in Dubai. Unfortunately, it did not materialise," said Sahu, who played 13 first-class and 15 List A matches for Haryana.

## *FINAL LAP: ROSSI WALKS INTO SUNSET*

Seven-time MotoGP world champion Valentino Rossi finished 10th in his last race of his glittering career in Valencia. Ducati rider Francesco Bagnaia, Rossi's Italian protege, clinched the season-ending GP. Here's a glance at the last race of the season and Rossi's journey...

**Milestone man**

Rossi, known for being a colourful character, elevated the sport in the early 2000s, winning seven premier class titles in total with Honda (3) & Yamaha (4). He also won world titles in the 125cc and 250cc divisions in his early years. Sunday's race was Rossi's 432nd Grand Prix in all categories since he began his career in 1996.

| MOTOGP TRACK RECORD | STARTS | WINS | PODIUMS | POLES |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 372 | 89 | 199 | 55 |

**Fireworks & ovation lap**

The Italian took all the applause from the 75,000 crowd as he rode an ovation lap in Valencia. Jorge Martin, of the Ducati-Pramac team, and Jack Miller (Ducati) completed the podium while Yamaha's Fabio Quartararo, who had already secured the world championship, finished 5th. It was a fourth win of the season for Bagnaia, who came through the VR46 Academy created by Rossi. He dominated the race but once former Brazilian footballer Ronaldo waved the chequered flag, all the attention turned to Rossi as the riders stopped to pay homage and fireworks went off around the stands.

**Future plans**

Rossi is looking to the future by building his legacy at his "VR46 Academy", and his VR46 team will make their debut in MotoGP next year as a Ducati satellite. He is also planning to try his luck on four wheels in GT Racing, and is soon to become a father as his partner Francesca Novello is expecting a baby girl.

**I can't complain, I have had a very long and successful career. Now I want to enjoy life — I will be a father next year**

-Valentino Rossi

**115**

Valentino Rossi is the only rider to have won titles in four classes: 125, 250, 500 and MotoGP.

Valentino Rossi after the race on Sunday | AP

## Praggu looking to be sharp before Kolkata test

**ASHOK VENUGOPAL** @ Chennai

GRANDMASTER R Praggnanandhaa is preparing in earnest for the Tata Steel India rapid chess tournament which begins in Kolkata from November 17. Since the Chess World Cup, 'Praggu' as he is affectionately known, has been playing onboard chess. He has had mixed results in the last six months where featured in some online events too.

A few weeks back, Praggu put up his best show in the Challengers Chess Tour with a 3-0 victory over Christopher Yoo in the finals. He beat Volodar Murzin 3-0 in the quarterfinals while getting the better of Vincent Keymer 2.5-0.5 in the semi-finals. This stunning performance earned him praise from the top players in the including world champion Magnus Carlsen.

The youngster not only won $12,500 but also gained the right to play with the elite of the chess world in the million-dollar Meltwater Champions Tour in 2022. "I am very happy to have won the Challengers chess tour and qualify for the Champion chess tour 2022. The Champions tour will give me great experience and I will learn a lot from playing against all the top players. I didn't expect to win with 8.5/9 in the knock-out matches of the Challengers Chess Tour. My game quality of all three matches were good," said Praggu. "I am earnestly preparing for the Tata Steel India rapid event in Kolkata. The good show in the Challengers tour will give me the confidence to do well," he added.

While Alireza Firouzja won the Grand Swiss event, the event was keenly contested and followed world over and many felt that Praggu could have done better. "My performance in Grand Swiss could have been much better. I played a few good quality games and got the chance to meet and interact with many top players after a long time. Alireza's performance was just wonderful. It really inspires and motivates me to work harder," observed Praggu. Like in cricket, chess players have to be in a bio-bubble too. Many chess players found it difficult to play in the bio-bubble in Riga. But the 16-year-old seemed unfazed and was in his element in the RTU Open blitz event.

"It was not difficult (bio bubble), I must say a huge thanks to FIDE and Grand Swiss for their great hospitality and excellent arrangement in these tough times. I was pleased to win RTU Open blitz title with a 10/11 score," he said.

## 57th Nehru meet begins in Hyderabad

**ENS** @Hyderabad

THE 57th Gooncha Nehru hockey senior hockey tournament began in the city on Sunday.

The competition, being held outside New Delhi for the first time ever, was inaugurated by Jayesh Ranjan, principal secretary, I&C and IT, government of Telangana.

The champions will take home the coveted Inder Mohan Kapur Nehru senior winners' cup. The winners will walk away with ₹4 lakh, with the runners-up earning ₹2 lakh.

**Sunday's match:** Rail Coach Factory **3** (Gurpreet Singh 17', Karanpal Singh 46', Deepak 53') **bt** Tamil Nadu XI **2** (J Satish 41', H Sayam Kumar 45').

## France, Belgium qualify for World Cup finals

**AFP** @Paris

FRANCE booked their place at next year's World Cup in Qatar in style as Kylian Mbappe fired in four goals in an 8-0 thrashing of Kazakhstan at the Parc des Princes on Saturday. Karim Benzema scored twice and there were further goals for Adrien Rabiot and Antoine Griezmann whose penalty marked his 42nd goal for France, taking him ahead of Michel Platini. Only Thierry Henry (51) and Olivier Giroud (46) have scored more for France.

The French will be joined at the finals by neighbours Belgium as the world's top-ranked team saw off Estonia 3-1 in Brussels to ensure top spot in Group E ahead of Gareth Bale's Wales who beat Belarus 5-1 in Cardiff.

The Netherlands looked on course to join them as they led Montenegro 2-0 going into the last 10 minutes of their encounter in Podgorica. However, the Dutch conceded two goals in the last 10 minutes to draw 2-2. They still top Group G but are just two points ahead of Turkey and Norway.

**Results (Select):** Bosnia-Herzegovina **1-3** Finland; France **8-0** Kazakhstan; Wales **5-1** Belarus; Belgium **3-1** Estonia; Montenegro **2-2** Netherlands.

French forward Kylian Mbappe (L) scored four goals against Kazakhstan at the Parc des Princes on Saturday | AP

**EXPRESS READ**

### Shooting: Rise in Asia's Olympic quota places

NEW DELHI: In a highly beneficial move for Asian countries, the International Shooting Federation (ISSF) has increased the number of Olympic quota places for the continent from 38 to 48. This is expected to come into effect from the 2024 Paris Olympic Games, the qualifications for which will begin from next year. The 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games had 38 quota places on offer.

### Ex-India batter Laxman to take over as NCA head

NEW DELHI: VVS Laxman will be the next head of the National Cricket Academy (NCA), a senior BCCI official confirmed. Laxman will take over from his former batting colleague Rahul Dravid, who was recently appointed as chief coach of the Indian team following the end of Ravi Shastri's tenure. "VVS Laxman will be the new head of NCA," the senior BCCI official was quoted as saying.

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2018 Tour de France champion Geraint Thomas on Sunday found his bike had been stolen. Welshman Thomas was out on a training session on the French Riviera when he interrupted his idyllic ride for a pit stop

The double Olympic gold medallist was then forced to take a long taxi ride home, from where he took to Twitter to announce his misfortune. "Lovely ride. Lovely coffee stop in Menton. Except someone nicked my bike," Thomas tweeted

CHINA ANGLE

**1996**

US sends aircraft carriers to Taiwan in response to Chinese missile tests, triggering the Taiwan Strait Crisis

**2010**

China surpasses Japan as the world's second-largest economy

At the heart of tensions between China and Japan is a long-standing territorial dispute over the Senkaku/ Diaoyu Islands, a cluster of uninhabited islets in the East China Sea. Washington has maintained a neutral stance on the islands' sovereignty

In response to China's increased assertiveness, recent USadministrations have shifted strategic focus to the Indo-Pacific, beginning with Obama's 2011 "pivot to Asia", which sought to strengthen military and economic ties with partners in the region, including Japan

The Trump administration revived the Quad, a security arrangement among the US, Australia, India, and Japan, over concerns about China's behavior

Taiwanhas become increasingly relevant, with Japan's 2021 defense strategy emphasizing for the first time the importance of maintaining stability across the Taiwan Strait for Japan's security

EXFILE

# JAPAN AT GEOPOLITICAL CROSSHAIRS

Did you know Japan had defeated the Tsarist Russia, colonised a major chunk of Southeast Asia, occupied large swathes of Chinese mainland, Taiwan and even the Korean Peninsula (undivided Korea) in the first half of 20th century? Before writing a pacifist constitution (illustration above depicts the imperial Japan and Nazi Hitler being cornered by allied powers), Japan had allied with the Nazis. Though it now does not have a standing army, Japan is becoming increasingly assertive under the shadow of the US. Here's why

THE STATE ACTORS

BACKGROUND

**1945**

Japan surrenders after the US nukes Hiroshima and Nagasaki (above US president declaring war on Japan)

**1945**

US occupation of Japan begins

**1951**

The US-Japan Mutual Security Treaty signed alongside the Treaty of San Francisco that formally ended World War II

**1954**

Japan vows not to maintain a standing army or aggressive foreign policy; creates Self-Defense Force

**1960**

Treaty revised; grants the US the right to establish bases on the archipelago in exchange for US committing to protect Japan in the event of an attack

**1960s**

Protests erupt in Japan over the US using the bases to launch attack on Vietnam(photo)

**1967**

Start of the Three Non-Nuclear Principles — no possession, production, or introduction. Since then, Japan has relied on the US nuclear umbrella

ASSERTIVE JAPAN

**1990–91**

Gulf War spurs debate about whether the Japanese constitution allows the SDF to join the US-led coalition to expel Iraq from Kuwait. Ultimately, Japan contributed funds but did not send troops

**1992**

A new law stipulates the conditions for SDF deployment in UN peacekeeping operations

**1993**

The first SDF unit is sent abroad to Cambodia

**1997**

New guidelines expanding where Japan's military could operate, from its home islands to "surrounding areas"

**2001**

Japan dispatches the Maritime SDF to the Indian Ocean to provide support to US in Afghanistan

**2003**

SDF sent to Iraq

**2015**

Shinzo Abe reinterprets constitution to allow military to defend allies for first time

NORTH KOREA ANGLE

The threat from North Korea, which Japan has called "grave and imminent", became a major focus in the alliance dating back to the mid-1990s, when North Korea fired a ballistic missile into the Sea of Japan and withdrew from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty

**1997**

Draft framework to improve Japan's preparations for a crisis on the Korean Peninsula

**1998**

Tokyo and Washington started working more closely on missile defense after North Korea fired another missile over Japan

WHY IS OKINAWA A CONTENTIOUS ISSUE

For decades, US Marines have been stationed in Okinawa, which hosts a majority of the approximately fifty-five thousand US military personnel in Japan

**31**

Number of US bases in Okinawa despite it being the poorest among the prefectures

Many Okinawans resent military activity in the prefecture, which was the site of one of the bloodiest battles between Japanese and US forces during World War II An estimated 40,000 to 1,50,000 Okinawan citizens were killed in the fight

**85**

US military facilities in Japan

MONEY ANGLE

- Cost-sharing between allies has been a fraught issue in the wake of the Trump administration's push for Japan and other countries to contribute more
- Japan provides host-nation support to the US—the land, labour and utilities for stationing US forces throughout the country

**$2.1 billion**
Incurred by Japan per year to host the Americans

**$2.5 billion**
Spent by the US per year on base operation, military construction and housing costs in Japan

**$8.5 billion**
The sum Trump wanted the Japanese to shell out

# Experts back India's stand at COP26

CLIMATE

Glasgow: India on Sunday called the COP26 summit a success, saying it put across the concerns and ideas of the developing world quite 'succinctly and unequivocally' in front of the world community. Negotiators from nearly 200 countries accepted a new climate agreement after the COP26 summit in Glasgow concluded its extra time plenary on Saturday with a deal, which recognises India's intervention for the world to "phase down" rather than "phase out" fossil fuels. Climate experts, too, came in full support of India, after it was criticised by several nations for using the term "phase down", saying it should not be seen as a diversion from its commitment towards this global climate crisis.

Several countries, including small island states, said they were deeply disappointed by the change promoted by India to phase down, rather than phase out coal power, the single biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions. While the world expressed disappointment, climate experts in India felt that the first-ever mention of phase down of coal by the country in an international climate agreement is an important indication of the energy transformation underway, and criticised the developed nations for once again failing to deliver the promised climate finance.

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav, head of the Indian delegation at the Glasgow conference, said that the world needs to awaken to the reality that the current climate crisis has been precipitated by unsustainable lifestyles and wasteful consumption patterns in the developed countries.

FACT OF THE MATTER

## 12K musicians' record play

MUSIC

Sunset in Caracas was accompanied by the sound of classical music on Sunday as thousands of Venezuelan musicians performed Tchaikovsky's 'Marche Slave' to set the record for "the world's largest orchestra". Flanked by mountains, the courtyard of the Venezuelan Military Academy hosted around 12,000 classical musicians looking to make their way into the Guinness Book of World Records. "If you break a string, don't stop. If you lose the score, go on by heart, but don't stop," conductor Andres David Ascanio said. The 12-minute piece was observed by around 260 auditors from KPMG to ensure each musician complied with the rules, which include not sharing instruments and playing for at least five minutes during the score.

## 25K tons of PPE in oceans

CLIMATE

More than 25,000 tonnes of PPE and other types of Covid-related plastic waste has entered Earth's oceans, a new study says. Researchers in California have developed a computer model simulating the fate of plastic waste as it leaves beaches, drifts along the water and fragments into pieces. They estimate that 8.4 million tons of pandemic-related plastic waste has been generated by 193 countries, from the start of the pandemic to August 2021. Almost three quarters is likely to wash up on beaches by the end of the year. Most of the Covid-related plastic is from medical waste generated by hospitals, which 'dwarfs' the contribution from PPE and packaging from online shopping giant like Amazon and eBay.

## Self-flying taxis to ply by 2028

TECH

Hyundai have revealed plans to develop autonomous, 'self-flying', electric taxis — with seating for up to five passengers — that will hit the skies by the year 2028. To deliver this, the Seoul-based manufacturer announced that it had transformed its Urban Air Mobility Division into a new company, Supernal. Supernal, which will be US-based, has said it will also be working to integrate the planned craft into existing transit networks and create necessary infrastructure. Such might include so-called vertiports — transport hubs for flying taxis. Hyundai first revealed its concept for a flying taxi, the S-A1 Personal Air Vehicle, at last year's Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas.

PASS HOLDERS

Visitors, who had to present their health passes, having fun at Efteling amusement park on Sunday in Kaatsheuvel in the Netherlands. Widespread protests were reported from the country as residents took to streets against new Covid norms | AFP

# Fresh jumbo deaths spark concern in B'desh

CONSERVATION

COX'S BAZAR: At least four Asian elephants have been killed in Bangladesh over the past week, officials said on Sunday,. Fewer than 100 elephants remain in the country, where they come into regular conflict with humans. "Four elephants died in Chittagong division alone since last week," forest department official Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury told AFP. He said two had been electrocuted and a third was shot in a forest reserve, while another had died of "natural causes". A fourth elephant also died by electric shock in northern Sherpur.

# WHO predicts syringe shortage

HEALTH

THERE could be a global syringe shortage next year, with a deficit approaching two billion, according to a new report from the WHO.

The shortfall is the result of worldwide COVID-19 vaccine campaigns with more than 7.25 billion doses have been administered around the globe, according to the AFP, double the number of standard vaccines given in a year.

As a result, twice as many syringes are being used, badly eating into global supplies. If production does not ramp up, it could lead to hoarding and panic buying, and stymie efforts to protect people against a host of illnesses, the WHO said

"We are raising the real concern that we could have a shortage of immunization syringes, which would in turn lead to serious problems, such as slowing down immunization efforts," Lisa Hedman, WHO senior advisor to the Division of Access to Medicines and Health Products, told AFP.

"Depending on how the vaccine uptake goes, it could be a deficit of anywhere from 1 billion to two billion," she added.

Based on a scenario of approximately seven billion people needing two doses of coronavirus vaccine between now and 2023, and a global manufacturing capacity of around six billion immunization syringes a year, Hedman said, 'it's pretty clear that a deficit in 2022 of over a billion [needles] could happen if we continue with business as usual.'

## 2,400 year-old eulogy for Egypt's last native ruler found

ARCHAEOLOGY

GERMAN archaeologists have uncovered remnants of a temple devoted to King Nectanebo I, who founded the last native Dynasty in ancient Egypt in the fourth century BCE.

Basalt blocks that were parts of the temple's western and northern facades were unearthed in El Mataraya, a district in the northern region of Greater Cairo, east of the Nile, as well as an extension of the temple from the northern side.

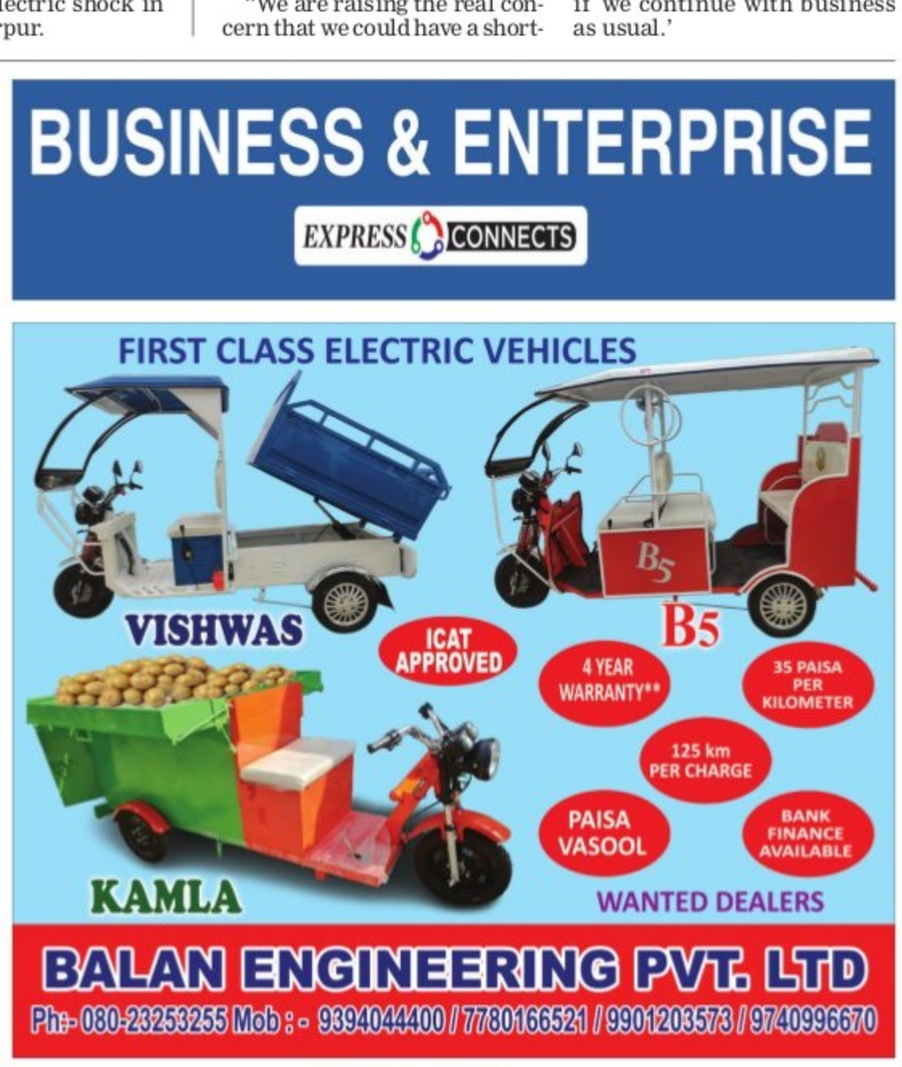
In ancient times Mataraya was part of ancient Heliopolis, the capital of Lower Egypt and a major religious center. Ayman Ashmawy from Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities said the hieroglyphs inscribed in the blocks reference the 13th and 14th year of Nectanebo's reign (approximately 367-366 BC), according to Ahram Online, as well as the materials used in the sanctuary and their dimensions.

The extension probably connected the sanctuary with the main axis of the precinct of the sun god Amun-Ra to the south, the outlet reported.

Some of the stones have incomplete inscriptions, suggesting no further decorative work was performed on the temple after Nectanebo I's death in 361 BCE.

Nectanebo's sarcophagus and mummy have never been found. Other items found in the dig far predate Nectanebo, said lead archaeologist Dietrich Rau, going all the way back to the 13th century BC reigns of King Ramses II and King Merneptah.

'The Ramses-era style was crystal clear on a fragment of jasper stone, dating back to 19th Dynasty [circa 1300 BC], as well as a fragment of a statue of Seti II which indicated that the style is from late of 19th Dynasty in Heliopolis,' Rau said, according to Egypt Today.



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**DAY'S DIARY**

## State foundation

Jharkhand, the 28th state of India was brought into existence by the Bihar Reorganization Act on November 15, 2000

**A TRIBUTE**

A separate state was declared on the birth anniversary of tribal leader and freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Governor Prabhat Kumar took oath and paid tribute to all the martyrs of the Jharkhand movement

**HOME OF THE TRIBES**

Jharkhand is different from the northern part of Bihar in terms of geography and social composition. It has the highest population of Adivasis from 32 different tribes

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The word 'Jhar' means 'bush' and 'Khand' means 'land' in the Indo-Aryan language. Thus 'Jharkhand' means, 'land of bush or forest'

**Yashas Surya-Yogaraj Bhat film titled Garadi**

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> *I've noticed that people have started coming in early to restaurants and pubs when there is live music. It looks like people were waiting for such experiences*
>
> — Joshua Paulmer, musician

# RETURN OF REVELRY

After months of virtual gigs and home concerts, city musicians are relieved to be performing live at various venues just like old times

ANILA KURIAN

WHILE the pandemic has been tough on everyone, city musicians who perform at restaurants, bars and pubs, often wondered if life would ever go back to pre-Covid times. They seem to have figured that answer with virtual gigs now turning into live performances. And looks like these live acts are in demand after the night curfew has been lifted. From Sunday brunches to weekday events, musicians are being called back by almost all brands to help increase footfall.

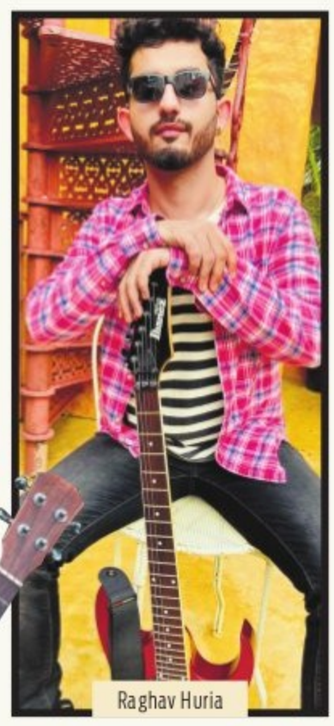
Instead of fretting, jazz and blues' musician Varshita Ramesh spent the pandemic studying at the Goa Jazz Academy of Music. She performed at various places as and when the opportunity arose. "There are so many new restaurants that have opened in the last few months and all of them want live musicians. There is a rise in the number of customers when there are live performances rather than when they play recorded music," says Ramesh, who is also performing at several star hotels.

Virtual gigs are not all fun as they are mentally taxing for musicians who are unable to gauge the reaction of the viewers. "You're constantly worrying about technical issues, especially sound, during virtual performances. This is so much better," she adds.

Agrees Joshua Paulmer, who recently performed at a brunch of a newly-launched property. "I've always preferred singing for a live audience. When commercial establishments were still bound by strict rules, I used my time to play at private gigs and farmhouses. The pay, without doubt, is much better with them, but those don't happen as often as these gigs," says the western music singer.

Performers are heaving a sigh of relief at the removal of the night curfew which was in place for almost seven months. "I've noticed that people have started coming in early to restaurants and pubs when they know there's live music. It looks like people were waiting for such experiences," says Paulmer.

In addition to little or no business, artistes had to reduce their performance charges. But now, with business picking up, many are quoting pre-Covid rates. Raghav Huria, known as Muzzy Brown on stage, says that when things were still opening up, many tried to negotiate the price. "The crowd and money have significantly picked up with more customers venturing out now. However, it was difficult to negotiate during the pandemic, we just had to take what we got," he says, adding that at the moment they are still assessing the kind of music that works in different settings. "At brunches, the music is relatively soft, while stand-alone restaurants want peppy dance numbers. We are working to understand what the crowd wants post Covid to play accordingly. As for now, we are just happy that things have reopened and we can perform again," Huria explains.



Raghav Huria

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This new book on Hampi, by an Indo-French couple, aims to demystify stories around the historical site and shed light on north Karnataka's architectural marvels

# HIGHLIGHT ON HERITAGE

SANATH PRASAD

IT was in 1960 that Vasundhara Kavali Filliozat visited Hampi as a student of Karnataka University, Dharwad, as part of a study tour. Little did she know that Hampi would turn out to be her 'first love' and in turn a window of opportunity to explore the genesis of the Vijayanagara empire. Or as the historian claims the Karnataka Samrajya (empire).

Filliozat will be releasing her new book titled *Hampi* on November 15, as part of the Karnataka Rajyotsava celebrations through the month. Co-authored by her husband, Pierre-Sylvain Filliozat, the book chronicles the history of the 'Karnataka Samrajya' from the early 12th century.

Believed to be the first surveyors of Hampi, the Filliozats have been working on decoding and demystifying the history of the empire through the numerous transcriptions engraved across the heritage sites of Hampi since the late 1960s.

From Sree Virupaksha temple to the Vijaya Vitthala Temple; from the rocks surrounding the city to the Lotus Mahal; over 4,000 inscriptions detailing the history of Hampi exist in the UNESCO World heritage site, claims Filliozat. The book is a collection of decades-long research and translations of inscriptions about Hampi and how it came to be the capital of the 'Karnataka Samrajya'.

"As part of my thesis related to the study of the Vijayanagara empire, at Sorbonne University in Paris, I translated over 150 inscriptions into French. Although these inscriptions were engraved centuries ago, the text was equivalent to modern-day Kannada. In 1973, we first surveyed and studied the inscriptions at Vitthala temple in detail and then we surveyed all the sites at Hampi over the years," says Filliozat, who is also the author of *Vijaynagar.*

Pierre-Sylvain and Vasundhara Filliozat

The book includes details in depth — starting with how Hampi was under the edifice of Kalamukha and Pasupatha (a Shaivite section) in the early 12th century even before Krishnadevaraya took over. "The book breaks down many popular misconceptions on the heritage site," she says.

According to the inscriptions, the empire was called 'Karnataka Samrajya' and not 'Vijayanagara empire'. "This is because of Hoysala king Veera Ballala III, who was from Karnataka and decided to lead the fight against Muslim invaders by uniting all the kings of other kingdoms in the south," says Filliozat, who also adds that the inscriptions rule out the worship of Goddess Bhuvaneshwari in Hampi until the 18th century.

The husband-wife duo, as epigraphists, also wanted to highlight the architectural marvel of north Karnataka. "Many historians have misread and misinterpreted the story of the Karnataka Samrajya on various accounts. We are working to just translate the inscriptions as is through epigraphy. Moreover, many don't make the effort to say something new about the architectural and cultural history of north Karnataka. Many historians still get miffed when I insist that the empire is not called Vijayanagara," says Filliozat.

*(Hampi will be released by Mysore Maharaja Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, IISc Bangalore, on November 15 at 4pm. Details: Esthetique Architects Facebook page)*

> *Many historians have misread and misinterpreted the story of Hampi. We are working to translate the inscriptions as is through epigraphy* - Vasundhara Filliozat, epigraphist

**SHOPPING SPREE**

Visitors checking out the collection of outfits and accessories at Sunday Soul Sante at Jayamahal Palace on Sunday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

**Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are**

GRUB HUB

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The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

The first prize winner this week will win a complimentary voucher worth ₹2,000 from Geist Brewing Factory - Restaurant & Beer Garden **

**THE RIGHT ANSWERS**

**1)Madli from North Karnataka 2)Chigli Chutney from Malnad 3)Avarekalu**

**FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT**

1. Chaitra Pavate
2. Karteek J N
3. Poonam Iyer

***Conditions apply**

## CITY READ

### Cultural extravaganza celebrated at university

Education institution REVA University celebrated 'Dandiya vibes' recently, an inter-school Dandiya competition. Over 200 members, including students and faculty representing different schools, participated and performed various dance forms for three minutes. The cultural extravaganza kicked off with folk dances to mark the 66th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations. The event was also followed by the lighting of the lamp to mark Deepavali celebrations.

## PLAY THE PUPPET

Join a puppet-making workshop with Deepty Victor who will guide you to make easy finger puppets. The session will culminate in a small story which will be created by you using your own puppet. **When:** Nov 21 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

## CLAY TALK

Join the pottery workshop and learn about hand-building and wheel-throwing. Prior booking is mandatory. **When:** Till Nov 30. Details: insider.in

## READING CLUB

If you're interested in reading and want some company to discuss books, join the Lahe Lahe Book Reading Club and meet like-minded people. **When:** Till Nov 27. **Details:** bookmyshow.com

## DANCE FEATURE

In the second edition of Nrityakatha, artistes Vidushi Leela Samson and Vidwan Praveen Kumar will be presenting Khoj (a group production) and Vani (solo), respectively. **When:** Nov 20, 6 pm **Where:** JSS Auditorium, Jayanagar

**CATCH RAGHU DIXIT PERFORM LIVE AT OTTO'S RESTO PUB, MARATHAHALLI. WHEN: NOV 27 DETAILS: INSIDER.IN.**

## SOLE SEARCH

SneakinOut will be hosting sneaker brands and emerging Indian street labels to engage and interact with style enthusiasts. There will also be live music performances, activities and video game tournaments. **When:** Nov 27 **Details:** insider.in

## FUNNY SIDE UP

Laugh out loud with comedian Sorabh Pant as he shares stories of playing Dr Kholkar on Pogo, losing and gaining weight, the most magical magician he met on the plane and more. **When:** Nov 20 **Details:** insider.in

## Chinese Take

Celebrate Children's Day at Chowman with specially-curated dishes like Spiderman's Web (noodle soup), Doremon's Beloved Red Chicken (Crispy Fried Chicken) and Simba's Dimsum (Cocktail-sized dimsums) and more. **Price:** ₹300 onwards **Where:** Chowman, Kalyan Nagar

## ONLINE MEDITATION SESSION

Escape from all your problems by joining this mindfulness meditation session. The session aims to instill peace and cultivate steadiness . **When:** Ongoing, 10 am - 7pm. **Details:** insider.in

## DIP INTO SALSA

Looking for a place to learn a new skill? Learn salsa dancing with Minoti Ramachandra and Khushboo from Motley Dance Company. **When:** Till Nov 28 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

## FITNESS GOALS

Schedule a consistent health routine by joining this 21-day fitness challenge and weight-loss sessions. Three lucky winners who stay committed in the 21-day session will win exciting prizes. **When:** Ongoing **Details:** allevents.com

# QUICK FIX

## What's cooking

**IN YOUR KITCHEN?**

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

## POTATO CROQUETTE

### INGREDIENTS

- **Mashed potatoes:** 300 g
- **Egg:** 3 large
- **Cheese** (grated): 1 cup
- **Flour:** 1 cup
- **Breadcrumbs:** 1 cup
- **Salt:** 2 tsp
- **Pepper:** 2 tsp
- **Parsley:** 2 tsp
- **Oil:** enough for deep frying

### METHOD

- Roll the mashed potatoes into small balls. Flatten them and add cheese and parsley in the centre. Wrap it and form a ball. Alternatively, you can form a cylinder shape if that is easier.
- Take flour, beaten eggs, and breadcrumbs in three separate plates.
- Dip the croquette in the flour; ensure to coat well. After this, roll in the beaten eggs and dip in the breadcrumbs, making sure to coat well.
- Heat the oil in a deep pan over medium heat. Once the oil is hot and bubbling, add the potato croquettes.
- Turn once until both sides are golden brown. Then set aside on a wire rack to cool. Serve with a creamy dip.

**–Arpita Anand, New Delhi**

# FIT BIT

## PARIPURNA USTRASANA

(FULL CAMEL POSE)

This asana brings better self-esteem and a higher level of trust and faith in one's self. There is always a struggle between going deeper or coming out of the pose. As the chest is open in this pose, let go of negative thoughts and receive the energy as it reaches the heart. Practise with a teacher who can guide you into this pose. As the upper body and head go into an inversion, this asana can refresh the mind and body. It opens Anahata (heart), Visuddha (throat), and Sahasrara (crown) chakras.

### STEPS

- Begin in Vajrasana (Thunderbolt Pose). Then, open your knees hip-distance wide and come into Ustrasana.
- Place your palms on your thighs and slowly lean back while pushing your hips and thighs forward.
- At this stage, bring the crown of your head on the soles of your feet.
- Hold your knees with your hands and stay in this pose for 3 to 6 long breaths.
- Then take deep breaths and focus in between your eyebrows.
- To come out of this pose, push your pelvis forward and rise up.
- Finally, you can come back to Vajrasana and then relax.

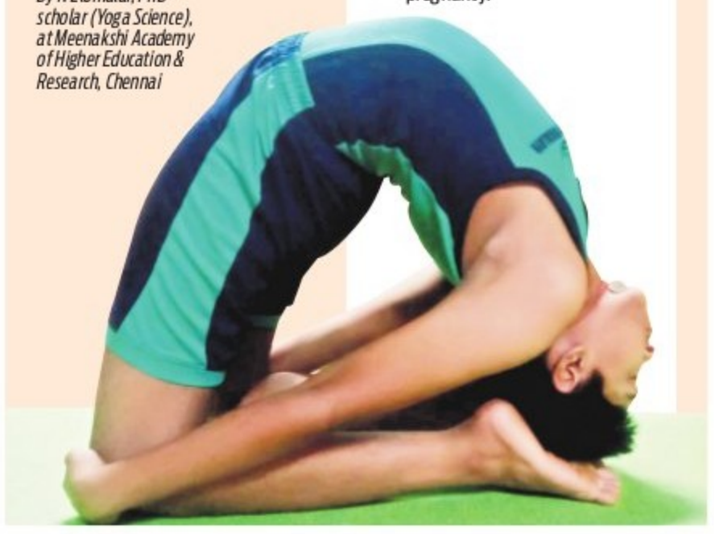
### BENEFITS

- Effective for reducing stress, anxiety and fatigue, relieves stress, anxiety and depression.
- Increases flexibility, strengthens the legs.
- Improves blood circulation and digestion.
- Helps with thyroid and parathyroid, menstrual problems, and is best for cervical spondylitis.

### LIMITATIONS

- People suffering from severe back and neck injury, high or low blood pressure, migraine or other severe headache should perform this asana under the guidance of a yoga expert.
- Avoid this asana during pregnancy.

*By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science), at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai*



# SOUND BOARD

## THE DAILY SHOW WITH TREVOR NOAH: EARS EDITION

Listen to highlights and extended interviews in the "Ears Edition" of The Daily Show with Trevor Noah. From Comedy Central's Podcast Network.

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## LOVE MATTERS WITH EVELYN SHARMA

Love Matters is here to help you navigate the ups and downs of love — with the help of celebrity guests and influencers. Each week, Bollywood actress, entrepreneur, mother and wife Evelyn Sharma hears from a listener with a relationship challenge and speaks to well-known Indians, who open up about their own experiences of love.

- On Apple Podcasts

## PICTURE-PERFECT LOVE

Do you really hear violins playing, or see dupattas flying when you fall in love? Sure at the start, but how long does that picture-perfect love last? And what happens when that picture starts showing its imperfections? Let's find out!

- On Spotify

## THE JAI SINGH SHOW

Some anecdotes from the stories behind the creation of some of my poetry. That is what Season 2 will be all about. Season 1 is where you can find all my poetries. He gives a special mention to all those poets who have been featured in some of my work like Faiz Sahab, Faraz Sahab and Amir Ameer Sahab.

- On Amazon Music

## NATURALLY INSPIRED PODCAST - SEASON - 1

A weekly podcast where all things natural health are discussed. Tammy and her guests share stories, ideas and positive solutions to health obstacles. They explore the m ind body connection all in the name of helping people feel good so they can do what they love for longer.

- On Gaana

# POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

## GULTOO

Alok, an employee in an IT company, wishes to launch his own start-up company. However, his dreams are shattered when the judicial authorities arrest him for a cybercrime.

- Cast: Naveen Shankar, Sonu, Rangayana Raghu, Avinash

## NAMO BHOOTATMA

A man inherits a bungalow which he renovates and turns into a hotel. As customers begin to arrive, each one invariably ends up dead and the owner begins to suspect that the house may be haunted.

- Cast: Iswarya Menon, Komal, Harish Raj, Gayathiri Iyer

## YARIVANU

Shyam's family believes that he died by drowning in water. Months later, two strangers bring Shyam home but his family senses it to be a ploy to amass their wealth.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Rajkumar, B Saroja Devi, Shringar Nagaraj

## ROMEO

Ganesh, a poor man, falls in love with Shruti, a rich girl. In order to marry her, he resorts to lies and pretends to belong to an affluent family, which complicates his relationship with Shruti.

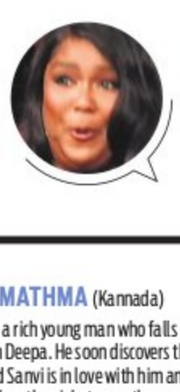
- Cast: Bhavana, Sudha Belawadi, Rangayana Raghu, Ganesh

## BULBUL

A gangster's daughter tries to commit suicide after Vijay rejects her love. When the goon threatens him, Vijay lies that he loves his childhood friend, not knowing that he is inviting more trouble.

- Cast: Darshan, Rachita Ram, Ambareesh, Sharath Lohitashwa

# WHAT'S ON TED TALKS



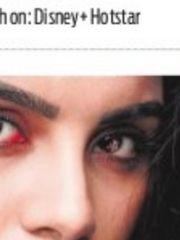
## 1 THE BRAIN SCIENCE OF OBESITY BY MADS TANG-CHRISTENSEN

Your belly and your brain speak to each other, says obesity researcher Mads Tang-Christensen. Offering scientific proof that obesity is a disease influenced by genetics and the environment, he introduces a molecule discovered in both the brain and gut that helps control appetite and which could be engineered to promote healthy weight loss.



## 2 HOW NFTS ARE BUILDING THE INTERNET OF THE FUTURE BY KAYVON TEHRANIAN

Technologist Kayvon Tehranian explores why NFTs — digital assets that represent a certificate of ownership on the Internet — are a technological breakthrough. Learn how NFTs are putting power and economic control back into the hands of digital creators.



## 3 WANT TO TRULY SUCCEED? LIFT OTHERS UP WHILE YOU CLIMB BY AMBER HIKES

It's up to all of us to create a more inclusive and diverse workplace, says ACLU Chief Equity Officer Amber Hikes. She lays out three ways we can help each other succeed — and empower and advance those who historically have been left behind.

## 4 3 WAYS COMMUNITY CREATES A HEALTHY LIFE BY OLIVIA AFFUSO

Maintaining a healthy weight takes more than diet and exercise, says physical activity epidemiologist Olivia Affuso. In this actionable talk, she shows how you can kickstart a healthy life by tapping into the collective power of a community that supports and motivates your health goals.

## 5 THE BLACK HISTORY OF TWERKING — AND HOW IT TAUGHT ME SELF-LOVE BY LIZZO

Twerking is mainstream now... but do you know where it came from? Superstar Lizzo traces booty shaking to a traditional West African dance and tells how Black women across generations kept the rhythm alive, from blues and jazz singers to modern rap and hip-hop artistes.

# NOW STREAMING

## REGIONAL

### CHAMAK (Kannada)

Kush, a gynaecologist and playboy, reluctantly marries Kushi. However, things take a drastic turn when they both start getting to know each other and uncover the lies they fed one another.

Cast: Ganesh, Rashmika Mandanna, Sadhu Kokila, Raghuram DP

- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

### MUGIZH (Tamil)

The story is about the relationship between a middle-class family and their beloved dog.

Cast: Vijay Sethupathi, Sreeja Vijay Sethupathi, Regina Cassandra

- Watch on: Netflix

### SEETHARAAM BENOY CASE NUMBER 18 (Kannada)

This story revolves around a cop Seetharaam who after getting transferred to a remote village in Shimoga finds himself in the mids of thieves.

Cast: Vijay Raghavendra Sathwik Hebbar, Bindu Raxidi

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

### PARINAYAM (Telugu)

This comedy-drama starts with Neena and her daughter, who is keen on getting into an arranged marriage. Their life takes a turn when they meet a young man and a retired army officer.

Cast: Kalyani Priyadarshan, Shobana, Dulquer Salmaan, Suresh Gopi

- Watch on: Aha

### AAPLA MANUS (Marathi)

Sr Inspector Maruti Nagargoje is investigating a murder case which took place in the house of a couple who claim that they weren't in the house when the incident happened. Maruti has a different way of working as he doesn't consider a statement given to police on crime scene as valuable and conducts his own interrogation with suspects.

Cast: Nana Patekar, Iravati Harshe, Sumeet Raghavan

- Watch on: Netflix

*All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.*

### PARAMATHMA (Kannada)

Param is a rich young man who falls in love with Deepa. He soon discovers that his friend Sanvi is in love with him and tries to clear the air between them.

Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Deepa Sannidhi, Aindrita Ray, Anant Nag

- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

### ERIDA (Malayalam)

A wealthy man offers his beautiful wife as a bet in a high stakes poker game which leads to a dangerous play of hate, deception and murder.

Cast: Antony, Jennifer Antony, Amith Bastin

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

## FOREIGN

### DUCKTALES THE MOVIE: TREASURE OF THE LOST LAMP (Animation)

Scrooge McDuck and his nephews Huey, Dewey and Louie travel to Egypt in search of a magic lamp, which is coincidentally the evil sorcerer Murlock and his sidekick Dijon's object of desire.

Cast: Alan Young, Russi Taylor, Terrence McGovern, Richard Libertini

- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

### VANTAGE POINT (English)

US President Henry Ashton attends a summit in Spain to sign a treaty but is shot by an unknown sniper. Subsequently, an explosion takes place in the square, which leads to absolute chaos.

Cast: Dennis Quaid, William Hurt, Matthew Fox, Forest Whitaker

- Watch on: Sony Liv

### 1917 (English)

Two soldiers, assigned the task of delivering a critical message to another battalion, risk their lives for the job in order to prevent them from stepping right into a deadly ambush.

Cast: George MacKay, Dean-Charles Chapman, Mark Strong, Andrew Scott

- Watch on: Sony Liv

### THE MINDY PROJECT (English, series)

Mindy Lahiri, an obstetrician and gynaecologist in New York, endeavours to develop a well-rounded personality as she tries to get her romantic life on track with the help of her offbeat co-workers.

Cast: Mindy Kaling, Chris Messina, Ed Weeks, Anna Camp

- Watch on: Netflix

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**Mubi:** ₹ 499 per month

Ahead of the release of his autobiography *Shuttler's Flick: Making Every Match Count,* tomorrow, national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand opens up to *CE* about the various aspects his book covers, the experience of writing it, the topics it addresses and more

# 'I FOUND IT ODD TO TALK ABOUT MYSELF'

## On the sidelines

Pullela Gopichand recently launched Badmintonhub.in, an exclusive online badminton store co-founded by him along with sports entrepreneurs Afroze Khan and Ronak Sachdeva in response to the lack of structured retail market for quality badminton equipment. Badmintonhub.in aims to become the go-to platform for every shuttler, from beginners to pros. While it is available for online ordering now, it'll soon get retail stores across major cities in India. "Last year, when everything was moving online, badminton players still had to rely on the unstructured retail market for their gear needs as there was no reliable e-commerce platform available. Badmintonhub.in is my humble effort to make world-class badminton gear easily accessible to the players in India."

RACHEL DAMMALA

PULLELA Gopichand is finally set to tell the world his story. His journey has been no less of a roller-coaster — from being a player the country rooted for, nursing a painful injury and conquering in style to now being the Chief National Coach for the Indian national badminton team.

Titled *Shuttler's Flick: Making Every Match Count*, Gopichand's autobiography is co-written by writer, motivational speaker and firewalk instructor Priya Kumar. She is known for her books *License to Live* and *I Will Go with You*.

The shy superstar that Gopichand is, he opens up in an interview with *CE* ahead of the book's release on November 16. He begins by pointing that *Shuttler's Flick* is a collection of his memories or stories, which Priya has broken down into practical learnings for the reader. "The book, as one would expect, covers various incidents and phases in my life: right from my childhood to being a player and a coach. All these inputs have been put across as actionable points which one can learn from. Every chapter has something that the reader can take home," Gopichand assures. So it is not just a book that compiles his life's events, but will also help the reader grow.

Initially, Gopichand did not want a book to be penned about him; and, given his demeanour, one would believe that. His fans definitely have his friend Sashidhar to thank, who persuaded him to work towards writing his story. "Shashidhar thought my story needed to be told, not for my own, but to be able to inspire many lives. My parents and well-wishers tried convincing me to write one too. I was honestly reluctant, but Shashidhar contacted Priya, who did an even better job at convincing me to open up, because I'm not somebody who is willing to recount things," the shuttler shares.

It was only after Priya pitched the idea of breaking down his life's lessons that Gopichand considered giving the autobiography a shot. We ask him to take us through the process of writing the book and how much of an emotional journey it was to recollect memories. "It wasn't much of an emotional ride, I'm not somebody who enjoys sitting down and reliving moments from years ago. I also don't look at high points in my life as successes and low ones as failures. I strongly believe that everything happens for the good, if not for a reason. In fact, as I looked back on them, I was able to connect so many dots that led to where I am," he says.

The only issue of sorts he had was with having to put these memories out. "I found it odd to talk about myself," he laughs. He credits Priya's determined probing, good listening skills and her ability to ask the right questions the right way, which made writing this book a smooth journey.

The champion had more than a handful of good reasons to write *Shuttler's Flick*. He addresses various issues that he had longed to open up about. "This book, apart from my story, talks about people's understanding of sports today. The culture of sports in the country is all about wanting to dish out champions and has very little to do with a child's basic need for wanting to play. In school, you don't learn science or math with the vision to become a CV Raman or a Shakuntala Devi. You learn these subjects as part of growing up, because one needs to know the basics. But with sports, many pick up a racket to be the next big champion, to win medals and trophies. This unhealthy understanding of sports is what I try to address in my book."

The book, he says, encapsulates his evolution from being a player to a champion, then a as coach running a successful academy and to now, in a post-pandemic sports world, which has allowed him to rethink the sports culture in the country. The Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy in Gachibowli has produced champions such as Saina Nehwal, PV Sindhu, Srikanth Kidambi, Parupalli Kashyap, HS Prannoy, Sai Praneeth, Sameer Verma and many others.

"Badminton, as a sport, has grown exponentially in popularity, over the past few years in India, thanks to the many medals our players have brought home. That said, it is still important that the sport is played not just so one can win, but benefit from it for what it is," he concludes.

There's obviously the good news of a film biopic being made on Gopichand. Written by Saiwyn Quadras of Sonam Kapoor's *Neerja* fame, it will be directed by Praveen Sattaru, who has projects such as *Chandamama Kathalu* and *11th Hour* to his credit.

Actor Sudheer Babu will play Gopichand in the Telugu-Hindi bilingual. Sudheer, a former No. 1 badminton player of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, had played alongside Gopichand as a doubles partner. We're sure excited for both, the film and the book, which also has the voices of the coach's students, mother and wife PVV Lakshmi.

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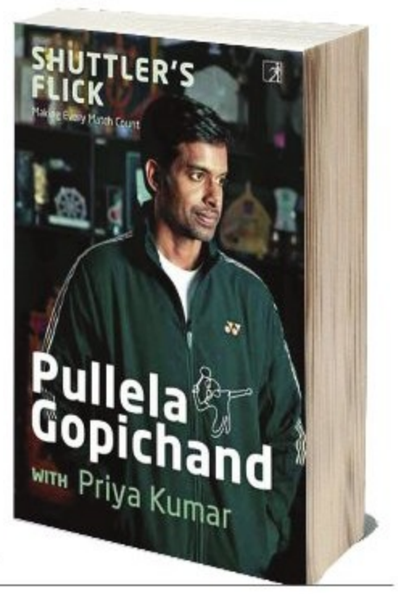


PIXIE SECRETS

# On Korea, kimchi and everything in between

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**Beauty behaviour with a side of dessert**

The forbidden workplace romance! Palace intrigue! The super intense wrist grabs! The sheet masks! In case this strategic sequence of events hasn't already given you a hint, I'm talking about Korean dramas. I did not expect to be sucked into this alternate universe, but the K-drama phenomenon is real and I'm obsessed. There's nothing quite so delicious as tapping in an essence while gasping at the sheer audacity of *The Crown Prince*.

Apart from the obvious and intense ramen cravings, I'm left feeling painfully distracted by their flawless skin. It's a whole other conversation that I've come to terms with the fact that this glass skin is not realistic or achievable for most people, even if they follow the typical multi-step Korean beauty rituals. It's a combination of good genes, professional make-up and lighting, expensive dermatology treatments, youth, and a lifetime of religious sunscreen use. A realistic beauty goal would be one that's tailored to your skin, where it is right now. No amount of product is going to make you look like that woman, because you're... not her.

Happy to report that something that is closer to reach are those popsicle-stained, lush lips they've got down to a pat. In a ruthless effort to hunt down this particular look which resulted in me buying a shameful amount of lipsticks, tints, glosses and everything in between — I have found The One.

It hasn't been an easy feat either. My love for lip tints is only thwarted by my hatred for their usual watery yet drying formulas. Most, somehow, disappear moments after application, rub off on my chin (bane of my existence) and food. I was holding a grudge against all lip tints till I chanced upon K-beauty brand Etude House and their Dear Darling Lip Tints.

The tint comes in a gloss-like tube, and has a gel-like formula which is quite pigmented. If you're looking for that K-drama tint, I suggest dotting some in the middle of your lips and smushing them together to spread it. I like to use my finger to pat on the colour which dries down to a moisturiser, balmy feel.

While we're still in the K-drama universe, I must ask — what is with the non-stop fat shaming on these shows? Each show seems to have at least one character who is fat, and that character is portrayed as ridiculous and not beautiful. Then there's a whole arc of redemption as they lose weight. If you're more familiar with K-dramas than I am, will you write to me please? I want to understand this more, it's 2021 and this is unacceptable. Oh well, until then, my kimchi and lip tints await!

# MINECRAFT: STILL THE BEST SANDBOX VIDEOGAME

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**(This economics graduate spends her leisure time preparing for the zombie apocalypse)**

95 blocks down the self-created mineshaft and many horizontal blocks across, I could think of little else. Armed with a pickaxe, I broke block after block. Each momentary pause before the next block revealed itself, held hope; hope that the next steps ahead would contain diamonds. The path was breadcrumbed with other treasure too: an occasional pause and gasp for when I found gold, or iron, or even coal to light up my torches. But with more treasure comes the danger of more lava, and a distracted moment would burn me and my tools. But it was no matter, I'd always find myself back at the safe bed-side spawn point.

If you had all the time and resources in the world, and the skills required to manipulate these resources, what would you do? The answer lies in Minecraft. There are limitless opportunities to create within the universe, and for this, the game stands at the top of the sandbox genre. As a pixelated-game that sounds rubbish on paper, Minecraft is hugely popular even a decade after its release. With its entry into the Xbox Game Pass last week, it was reason for more players to jump into the weird servers of Minecraft – entering a land filled with 1x1 blocks and noisy creatures.

In the game, you find yourself in a randomly generated universe. Every block in the

universe is interactable and craftable. There's always something exciting waiting around the next block, a new recipe to unlock, a rare element, or fresh ideas on what you could build! Sometimes, it's limitlessness and could leave our creative faculties overloaded. But Minecraft has us covered here — there is the challenge and achievement-based route (which requires some dedicated exploration), and there are also story-based DLCs that can keep us on a steadily-progressing block stairway!

As a game in the sandbox style, Minecraft has something for every type of gamer. The adventurous gamer could create a more unfriendly environ, with zombies and other dark creatures attacking us as nightfall hits. The explorer could fashion the universe into an infinite playground, with the chance to discover new and different realms in their path. There's always something for the builder to work with, and the miner could thrive across different universe formats. It also helps that there is almost no learning curve, making it a great starter game for beginners. "Minecraft: Bedrock Edition" allows for co-operative cross-platform play, so you can play with your friends on the Xboxes, PSes, PC, and even iOS and Android if you are inclined. I rate the game a full 1x1 out of 1.

# Of connections & communities

3 city-based groups make it to Facebook's community accelerator programme

SANATH PRASAD

> *What started as a WhatsApp group has turned into a movement of connecting young mothers together for hands-on help while parenting*
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> **- Erum Saeed, founder Moms of India**

> *If members are seeking any advice or resources related to travel plans or travel partners, the community assists them accordingly*
>
> **- Minal Mathur, founder, Adventure Women India**

A group that guides women on travel; a community that advocates new-age parenting; and a section that connects city women with entrepreneurs. Bangalore Women Power, Adventure Women India and Moms of India — were recently recognised by Facebook at the first edition of the Community Accelerator Programme. The flagship initiative of the social networking giant is designed to help communities develop leadership skills and maximise their community impact. This also includes an eight-month mentorship session. The three groups were picked out of 13,000 groups from across the world.

The community leaders believe that empowerment and networking have been central to connecting various like-minded people across the country. Adventure Women India is a women-only community that shares and exchanges relevant travel advice. Founded by Minal Mathur, the group has over 14 lakh members. "The community bridges the gap between adventure and women. We aim to encourage women to experience travel upon the advice and guidance of fellow women," says Mathur.

From helping mothers pursue their passion while they navigate motherhood to helping them open up about domestic violence, Moms of India advocates the need for new-age parenting that is transparent and independent. Started in 2016 by social media influencer Erum Saeed, the community comprises over 2 lakh members. "The idea is to give mothers me-time to realise their own identity. It aims to connect mothers from the same city," says Saeed, who is attending weekly sessions on leadership skills and community maximising.

Bangalore Women Power, founded by Swati Gorantyal, operates on the principle of 'Women for Women'. So far, over 3,000+ homepreneurs and small businesses have been able to showcase their products and services through this community.

## CITY READ

### Hospitality group partners with NGO

Brigade Hospitality has partnered with World Vision India for the 'Cause of the Girl Child' to support 35 girl children, who have lost either one or both of their parents to Covid-19. The objective of the partnership is to help them with moral and social support to overcome distress. The initiative is also aimed at supporting them with essential needs like notebooks, stationery, blankets and hygiene kits. On the occasion of Children's Day, an event was conducted at Peenya Community Center that included motivational talks, games, snacks and much more.

### Hospital launches women's cancer care centre

Bengaluru-based BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital recently launched a women's cancer care centre — an inclusive women-led centre to provide cancer care for women. Along with the lunch, the hospital hosted a cyclothon in the city, Pink Ride, to create awareness on breast cancer. The rally covered areas of Rajarajeshwari Nagar and culminated at BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital in Kengeri. Over 400 participants, including hospital staff, cancer survivors, cycling groups and bikers, took part in the event.

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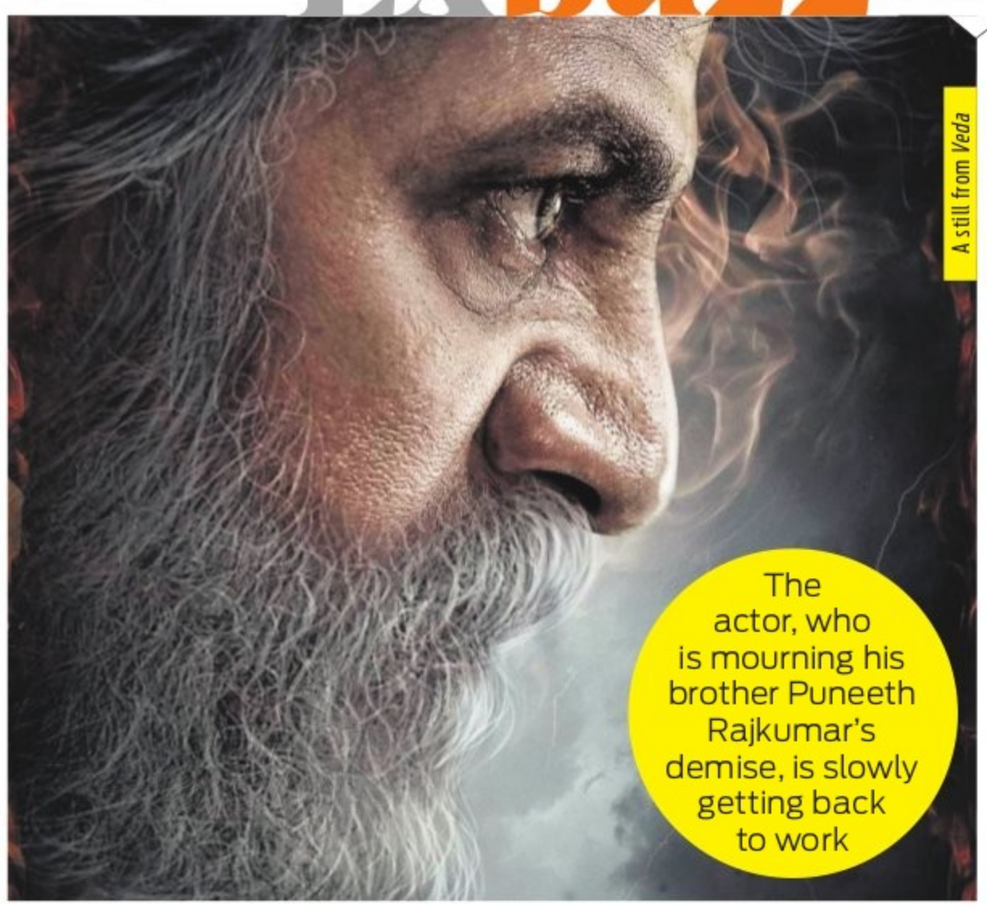


A still from *Veda*

# SHIVARAJKUMAR TO START 125TH PROJECT *VEDA* ON NOVEMBER 21

CENTURY Shivarajkumar, who is still mourning brother Puneeth Rajkumar's untimely demise, is slowly getting back to work. The actor watched his latest film, *Bhajarangi 2,* with his fans in Anupama theatre on Sunday. He was overwhelmed with the response to the film. The action-fantasy-drama, directed by A Harsha and bankrolled by Jayanna Films, was released on October 29. However, the shows were cancelled for a couple of days due to Puneeth's demise.

Now, Shivanna is set to kickstart his 125th project on November 21 with a simple muhurath. Titled *Veda,* with the tagline 'The Brutal 196s', the film marks the first venture of Shivarajkumar's home banner, Geetha Pictures.

*Veda* is said to be a rural film set in the 1960s. Shivanna and Harsha, who have earlier worked together in *Vajrakaya, Bhajarangi,* and *Bhajarangi 2*, will be joining hands for the fourth time.

Shivarajkumar also has Bairaage and his 124th film helmed by Ram Dhulipudi. Shivanna will be juggling between these two films.

A Harsha and Shivarajkumar

# YASHAS SURYA-YOGARAJ BHAT FILM TITLED *GARADI*

The film, which was officially launched on Sunday, will have Challenging Star Darshan playing a prominent role; producer BC Patil who is bankrolling the project, will also face the camera for a pivotal character

Darshan and Yashas Surya

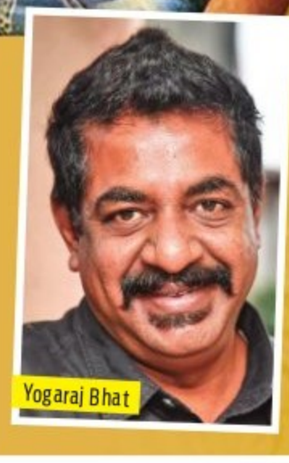
Producer BC Patil

**A SHARADHAA**

WE had recently reported that Yashas Surya is set to star in Yogaraj Bhat's upcoming directorial, titled *Garadi*, which will be backed by actor-filmmaker-politician BC Patil, who is serving as the Agriculture Minister of the state. The film was officially launched on Sunday with much fanfare. Darshan, a brand ambassador for the state's agriculture department, was part of an event *Raitharaondiga Ondu Dina* (Spending a day with farmers) at Haveri Taluk and launched the film's title along with the producer, director, and actor.

BC Patil, speaking to *CE* on the sidelines of the film's muhurath, said that he was happy to bankroll *Garadi*. Popularly known as the 'Kaurava' of Sandalwood, Patil's last venture as a producer was *Happy New Year* in 2016. "Even though I wanted to continue as a producer after *Happy New Year,* but I didn't find the right director and script. With Covid taking away two years of our time, I am glad to be associating with director Yogaraj Bhat who has conceived a good story," says Patil. "I am excited to see Darshan in a prominent role in *Garadi*," says Patil, who himself is also set to return in front of the camera after a long time. "I'm glad that *Garadi* is bringing us all together in one frame," says the actor-producer, adding Bhatru has penned an excellent role for him.

*Garadi* is billed as a commercial entertainer with a message, and explores the traditional gymnasiums, and fitness of Pailwans. The film will be shot mostly in North Karnataka in the locations of Badami, Haihole, and Patadkal.


Yogaraj Bhat

# *MADHAGAJA* TO RELEASE IN 1,500 SCREENS

Director Mahesh Kumar and the team are overwhelmed with the response the introduction song received

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TEAM *Madhagaja* is overwhelmed by the response the introduction song has received. The title track, featuring Sriimurali and Ravi Basrur's music, which was released on November 12, is said to have crossed over 4 million views. The film will now be sent to the censor board for certification.

Meanwhile, the makers are planning to release the film in Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu on December 3.

The production house, Umapathy Films is planning to bring out the film in over 1500 theatres. "With the satellite and digital rights of *Madhagaja* sold for a whopping price, the film is equally in demand among the theatrical distributors. It's going to be a massive release," says Mahesh.

*Madhagaja* features the Mufti hero and Ashika Ranganath in the lead roles. The movie also features Jagapathi Babu in the antagonist role while Tamil actor Devayani is making a comeback on the silver screen with it. The cinematography is handled by Naveen Kumar.

A still from *Madhagaja*

# Salman Khan to dance with Chiranjeevi in *Godfather*

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IT was reported earlier that Salman Khan will have a cameo appearance in the Chiranjeevi-starrer *Godfather*. The film, directed by Mohan Raja, is a remake of the 2019 Malayalam thriller *Lucifer.*

Now, in an interview with The Outlook, composer S Thaman has confirmed that Salman will be a part of *Godfather.* However, instead of having an extended role, as was rumoured earlier, Salman will feature only in a dance number with Chiranjeevi.

In the same interview, Thomas added that they are still figuring out if American pop star Britney Spears will sing in the film. He said it's still undecided if Britney will croon a Telugu song or do an English number.

Salman, who is friends with Chiranjeevi, has never been in a Telugu film before. He is presently gearing up for the release of *Antim: The Final Truth.* Co-starring Ayush Sharma, the action thriller will open in cinemas on November 26.

# 'I am here to stay and work in south Indian films'

...says Kayadu Lohar, who is making her debut with a Kannada film, *Mugilpete*. The actor says that she is not the heroine who would like to be seen in two songs and one romantic scene, and she has the potential to perform in meaty roles

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MODEL-turned-actor Kayadu Lohar, who hails from Mumbai, considers her upcoming film *Mugil pete* as the right project to mark her tinsel town entry into the South. "The *Mugil Pete* team was looking for a new face, and I was called for auditions. Speaking in Kannada for the first time, I learned and managed to deliver a 7-line-dialogue at one go, and the makers were impressed, and next, I heard that I was on board," recalls Kayadu and adds that the film was offered to her at a time when she was busy with commercial ads and had just completed a Marathi film.

The actor, who is looking forward to experiencing the joy of being on the silver screen from November 19, reveals why she decided to test waters with a Kannada film. "The moment I chose acting as my career, I was looking to make a mark in the South but I didn't know how to go about it. And, when I heard about this Kannada project, I felt it was the right movie, especially after learning how the industry was doing. I am happy to be beginning my stint with *Mugil Pete*, and I can guarantee that you will see me more often," she says.

Kayadu Lohar


A still from *Mugil Pete*

Kayadu expected that her debut will just have a couple of romantic scenes and a few songs, but her opinion changed the moment she got on to the sets. "I didn't have any pre-set notions because I was happy that I was getting a break, and just wanted to give my best. But the makers changed my mindset. The film mostly runs on hero Manoranjan and I, and in every scene, I had scope to perform," explains Kayadu, about this relationship-based film, which also comes with commercial elements.

Kayadu says that she saw shades of Crazy star Ravichandran in Manoranjan. "He has worked well, and the best part is, he helped me a lot. Since I knew acting, I thought I could carry it off, but it was a different case in front of the camera. I had Manoranjan's help at every step," says the debutante.

For Kayadu, director Bharath Navunda came across as the most chilled person. "His sense of humour is on point, and the credit for the comedy you see in the film will go to him. If an opportunity comes by, I want to associate with the director again," says Kayadu, who shares that although she could not meet the Crazy Star, Manoranjan told a lot about his father. "We had replicated a scene from one of Ravichandran's popular flicks, *Premaloka*. Though I am yet to catch up on his films, I have watched a lot of scenes and songs, and I loved the track, which featured along with Shilpa Shetty," she says.

Going forward, Kayadu says, she has no set plans, but is happy to be making her mark in south Indian languages, and associating with good production houses and teams. "Even though I am finding it difficult with the language, they are patient with me. Having said that I am a quick learner," says Kayadu, who apart from Kannada has also set her foot in Malayalam, Telugu, and Tamil, and has a film going on in each language.

"I am here to stay in the South, and at the same time, I want to show that I am not a heroine, who would be just seen in two songs and a romantic scene. I have confidence in myself, and I know that when presented with meaty roles, I have the potential to do justice to it."